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From The President

Opening our hearts and pockets

It is rather sad for me when the year winds down and all the driving events are in the rear view mirror. This year was especially good and the Utopia event that just concluded was so wonderful that I want all the events to be like that.

The year, however, is not over and we still have two more events - just no drives. The last two events this year are really not about our pleasure but in serving others - giving of ourselves to others. Someone said once that "Charity is the opium of the privileged" and those who have helped with our Christmas charity have found that they get as much pleasure as those being helped.

In November, we have the Tri-Marque concours which will benefit Florence's Comfort House. The primary mission of

Comfort House is to care for the children where families confront poverty, unemployment, drugs, prostitution and violence every day. Comfort House provides a safe haven for many neighborhood children after school and on weekends. Comfort House provides meals, snacks, clean clothes, baths, new underwear and shoes, educational materials, outings and activities. In addition, many others are assisted on a case-by case basis. This aid includes delivering nutritious food to elderly residents, and helping teenagers and adults through temporary difficulties. They need your support.

In December, we will be helping the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas. They are the largest hunger-relief charity in Central Texas providing food and grocery products, nutrition education and social services outreach to 300,000 clients each year through a network of 300 Partner Agencies. They also need your support.

Please participate in helping others.

Until next time

Glenn McConnell

Welcome New Members

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2014

*Austin German Trimarque
Concours*

Sunday, November 16th

Staging 8:00 am

Rags down 9:00 am

Awards 1:00 pm

\$25 : Judged

\$15 : Show only

*Location:
Dicks Classic
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Capital Area Food Bank of Texas Charity Event

Saturday, December 6, 2014

Planned by Linda Cavazos and John Hughan

Meet at: CAFB
8201 S Congress Ave, Austin, TX, 78745

Check-in: 8:30am

Food sorting: 9:00am-12:00pm

Capital Area Food Bank of Texas provides food and groceries to more than 300 human and social service agencies in 21 Central Texas counties; last year they provided 24.5 million meals! Food donations come from various food manufacturers, growers, distributors, grocery stores, and individuals, which volunteers working in CAFBxs climate-controlled warehouse help sort into comprehensive packages that are delivered to the agencies in need. This holiday season, the Tejas Chapter will contribute to the more than 96,000 hours of volunteer effort annually that makes this vital community service possible.

Our goal is 40 volunteers

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A new figurehead for GT racing: BMW Motorsport developing the BMW M6 GT3 for the 2016 season.

Munich (DE), 7th October 2014. BMW Motorsport will add a new chapter to its success story in GT racing in 2016. The BMW M6 GT3 will replace the BMW Z4 GT3, which has been in action since 2010. Development work on the new car is already in full swing. The first tests with the car, which is based in the BMW M6 Coupé, are planned for the first quarter of 2015. Customers will be able to purchase the BMW M6 GT3 from the end of 2015, allowing them to compete in the 2016 BMW Sports Trophy with the new car. Orders will be accepted over the course of 2015. The exact date, from which orders can be placed, will be announced at a later date.

“For me, as BMW Motorsport Director, there are few things more exciting than the development of a completely new car like the BMW M6

GT3,” said BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt. “This car’s properties make it predestined to succeed the BMW Z4 GT3. The BMW Z4 GT3 has



enjoyed success around the world in recent years, and is very popular among our customers. We obviously want to follow on from this success with the BMW M6 GT3. After all, the target we have set ourselves is to provide our customers with the best possible material. We also want to demonstrate the high product substance of BMW M cars in motorsport with the BMW M6 GT3. We are all very excited to see it in action at the initial tests. One thing is certain from the first design sketches: this car is going to have the wow





factor. It goes without saying that we will continue to offer BMW Z4 GT3 customers our full support, just as they have come to expect from us."

The heart of the BMW M6 GT3 is the BMW M Twin Power Turbo 8-cylinder petrol engine, which features a capacity of 4.4 litres. The engine is familiar from the production model and has been modified specifically for racing. The chassis is being optimised by hand for the specific demands of the racetrack in the BMW Motorsport workshop in Munich (DE). With regard to technology, the focus is on the use of extras that meet the very

highest and latest standards in motorsport development, such as racing gearbox, racing ABS and racing electronics. Even now, BMW Motorsport is focussing on safety, reliability and affordable running costs, to ensure that our customers can enjoy successful motorsport at the highest level with the BMW M6 GT3, without the financial burden being too great.

Anyone interested in purchasing a BMW M6 GT3 can send an E-mail to M6GT3@BMW-Motorsport.com. They will then be registered and be the first to hear any new information about the car.

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Classics & Wienerschnitzel Review

By Scott Bowman

Those of you who were able to make the trek to Taylor on September 27th had an opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at Jeff's Resurrections, followed by a trip



down the road to the Walburg German Restaurant. I had the opportunity a couple years ago to tour Jeff's with the local British car group and couldn't wait for an excuse to go back to see what projects were underway. This 2014 return trip revealed mostly new projects, but at least a couple of Corvette restorations that had been in the shop for some time.

First, just a couple comments on the owner, Jeff Snyder. Jeff explained



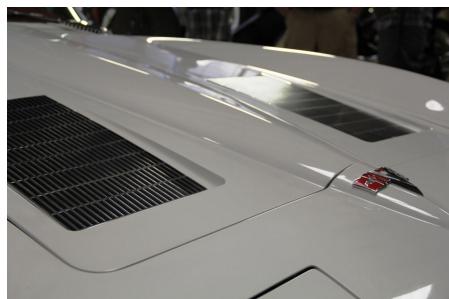
that he started working in 1989 as a third generation funeral director. I think he rather quickly found his true

calling—a fascination with older cars and the attention to detail that is part of the restoration process. Jeff has clients from literally all over the world, and the results of his work can be seen in enthusiasts' garages as well as in prestigious shows and events across the country. In sharp contrast to the old automotive warehouse building (complete with old Dodge Bros, Packard, Olds, and Kaiser Nash signage), the cars and motorcycles that emerge from the restoration process



are simply amazing. His passion for quality is demonstrated by the quality of materials that are the foundation for long-lasting restorations and the care that goes into each project.

Jeff's goal with complete restorations is to restore the vehicle back to the way it was built. This attention to detail is evidenced by such



seemingly small details as the welds
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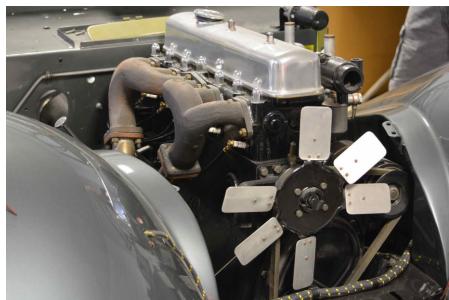


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used in the restoration process. For example, on some of his motorcycle projects, certain welds have to show (and must be consistent with the original design) to give the proper character to a restoration. Those are the type of small details that judges look for and the things that separate his finished product from those of other shops.

Jeff has a team of eight skilled mechanics and craftsmen who do everything from paint and body work to full engine rebuilds to coach work



and upholstery work. They also have a network of other specialty providers and vendors who can help with any components that are needed to



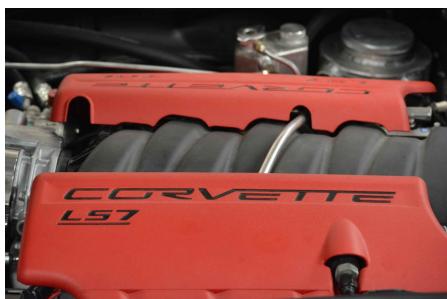
complete a project. Jeff also explained that they often take as many as 300 images of a car just in the

process of taking it apart. He described the process they go through as automotive archeologists because of the careful and painstaking effort taken to understand how the car was originally assembled in an effort to honor the originality of each vehicle.

The Corvette restorations that I mentioned earlier were both nearing completion and about ready to be delivered to their owners. One was an interesting 1958 Corvette resto-mod



that had a modern drivetrain, cup holders, and a striking matte paint finish. At only 2900 pounds, this



creation was built for speed as well as looks. The other Corvette was a fully restored 1963 split window, owned by a collector who is collecting all significant cars from that era. This full restoration was done to National Corvette Restorers Society standards, which includes such things as a performance test and accuracy of its

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gauges (such as the speedometer). This white '63 arrived in boxes when it came to the shop; it is now virtually



"as delivered" from the factory (after 2,500 hours of work).

We also saw several Jaguars in various states of assembly and disassembly. It was fun to see the 1996 XJ220 Jag, which is one of only about 12 in this country, and of about 250 total produced. The XJ220 was billed as the first production car to go 220 mph. There is apparently a lot of interest at this time in E-type Jaguars



and we saw several cars and a recently rebuilt engine on a custom engine stand that allowed tuning and final adjustments to be made off the car.

The only disappointment in the tour was that the shop didn't happen to have any BMW projects at this time. Sounds

like a good reason to plan another trip in the future.

From Jeff's, we distributed maps with a suggested route to take the group to



Walburg to enjoy the German buffet at the Walburg German Restaurant. Although we



have lived in the Central Texas area since 1973, this was the first time I have eaten at this local icon. The food and service



was actually quite good and will be worth another trip up that direction while the weather is still pleasant. Thanks again to everyone that came out for this event!

Utopia Weekend Review

by Kathryn Butts

Utopia weekend is always a highlight of my year for many reasons: gorgeous top-down weather, a wonderful weekend spent with our friends, and some great driving roads. This year's event was no exception, and I'm sure many who attended would agree that it was one of the best weekends yet, due in no small part to all the hard work Jonna Clark and Brad Mitchell put in to plan the event.

Friday evening was a lovely get-together hosted by Jonna and Brad at their beautiful home in Boerne. We enjoyed a light supper and took in the sunset from their beautiful patio. It was a great opportunity to be able to meet new members and reconnect with old friends and relax before the excitement of the weekend started the next morning.

We assembled in the morning at the Boerne Town Square. Each time I



visit Boerne, I fall in love with it more and more. It has all the charm of a small town with plenty of local restaurants and shops, but all the amenities of a big city. We set off that morning on a great hill country drive. We were relatively lucky this weekend that we didn't get bogged down by too

many slow-moving vehicles, bicycles or motorcycles. We did, however, get to see all kind of different wildlife on our journey including deer, some longhorns, buffalo, birds, plus



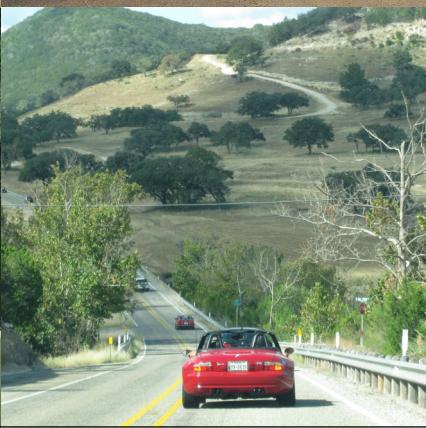
squirrels and armadillos (some alive, some not quite as much). The route itself wound along a section of SH 16 that we'd never been on before and was truly a wonderful road, definitely worth returning to.

One of the highlights of Utopia weekend has to be the lovely lunch at The Laurel Tree in Utopia, Texas. The



location is just unmatched in beauty and charm. Everywhere you look, there is a little homey touch, that just reminds you that you are someplace special. On the menu that day was a goat cheese crisp, olive and tomato appetizer, pumpkin soup scented with ginger and nutmeg served with a basil and cheese muffin. For the entree, there was a choice of either a cumin beef stuffed banana pepper served with lemon mashed potatoes, or a

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**Utopia V
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Many thanks to Jonna C**

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7-19, 2014
Lark and Brad Mitchell

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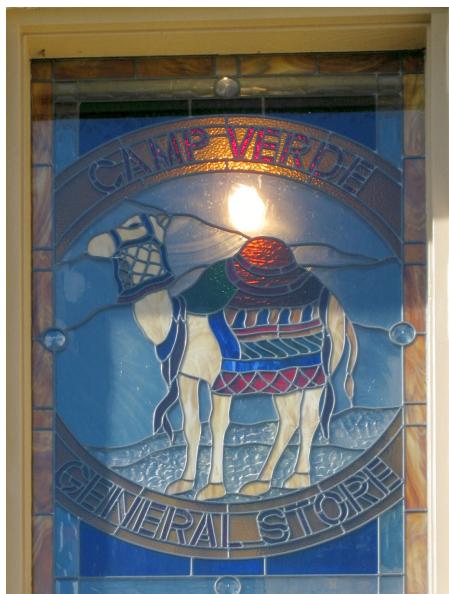
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shrimp and chicken sausage gumbo. Dessert was an absolutely amazing



creme brulee, which I'm still thinking about today.

After lunch, we set off with full bellies on one of three routes home. Many people stopped off at the Camp Verde General Store to check out the



shopping and learn about the history of camels in Texas, or headed back to Boerne directly to get some shopping and rest in before dinner. Josh and I,

along with Paul and Jennifer Goldfine, elected to take the unwritten fourth option, which was to head back on 337 and 336 for just a few more twisties before calling it a day. With such a beautiful day for driving, I could hardly blame Josh for wanting to stay out and play a little longer. I'm just along for the ride!

Saturday evening, we joined back up at Soda Pops in downtown Boerne for burgers, beer and anything deep fried



you could want. It was the absolute antithesis of the gourmet lunch we had eaten that afternoon, but nothing hits the spot like a burger and fries, plus sitting outside and enjoying the evening was just so wonderful after a long day. My husband, the burger connoisseur, gave his burger two thumbs up. There is no higher endorsement than that! After dinner, I think we all snuck over to the Sugar Shack next door for some well deserved ice cream.

We were greeted on Sunday morning with humidity and fog, which luckily burned off early in the morning. Jonna had picked some really great roads that morning, many of which we hadn't been on before that day. We headed north towards Fredericksburg by way of Kerrville along some small, isolated country roads. These roads are the small gray lines on Google Maps; the ones you

have to zoom in extra far to even see. One might think these roads would be bumpy or even just dirt, but they were smooth and even, perfect for a Sunday morning cruise. Some of the hill country towns along that route really feel like time has been standing still for the last fifty years or more...that is until 25 BMWs come plowing down their one lane country roads.



We ended the drive on Sunday with lunch at the Hill Top Cafe in Fredericksburg. This restaurant has plenty of hill country charm, and great food to

boot. We had a choice of several brunch and lunch items including eggs benedict, shrimp po boys, and a blind pig sandwich, and we were able to enjoy a private room.



It was a perfect lunch to wrap up a busy and fun weekend.

Again, many thanks to Jonna for her dedication to the club, and for being our fearless leader on all those twisty-turny roads. It was so great to see some members from other parts of the state who travel to Boerne especially for the Utopia Weekend. We can't wait until next year!

Tejas Chapter Incentive Points Challenge for 2014

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 2015. 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
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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
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2014 Incentive Points Challenge Rookies Leader Board As of October 28, 2014

19.62 Pts Steve Richmond	14.66 Pts Paul Wilson	14.11 Pts Louis Wyler	10.99 Pts Armando DeMeo	9.51 Pts Randy Allen
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Note: Only the top 5 are shown - currently there are 42 members with Rookie points.

2014 Incentive Points Challenge Leader Board
As of October 28, 2014

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<u>840 Pts</u> Linda Cavazos	<u>250 Pts</u> Dan McLaughlin	Brian McKinney <u>120 Pts</u> Don Bishop	<u>Gene Janulis</u> <u>60 Pts</u>
<u>700 Pts</u> Jonna Clark	<u>240 Pts</u> Gay Dawson	David Francis Robert Salzman	Mohammed Abusalah
<u>540 Pts</u> Ken Carson	<u>210 Pts</u> Kathryn Butts	Connie Stried Paul Wilson	Richard Ballinger
<u>480 Pts</u> John Hughan	<u>180 Pts</u> Roger Williams	Steve Richmond <u>90 Pts</u>	John Beneat
<u>460 Pts</u> Josh Butts	<u>160 Pts</u> Paul Goldfine	Mike Anderson <u>100 Pts</u>	Darrin Bostow
<u>450 Pts</u> Herb Looney	<u>150 Pts</u> John Price	Joaquin Aviles Armando DiMeo	Greg Donsbach
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<u>310 Pts</u> Mary Beth Cordon	<u>150 Pts</u> Carl Nybro	Mike Anderson Joaquin Aviles	Chris Gant
<u>300 Pts</u> Tom Dawson	<u>140 Pts</u> Jay West	Armando DiMeo Jason Echols	Bob Heimann
<u>270 Pts</u> Marco Cordon	<u>140 Pts</u> Susan Yule	Terry Jones Sandra Kennedy	Ken Hollins
	Randy Allen		Bill Lewis
			Joe Lupo
			Bill Muldoon
			Al Ridgley
			<u>50 Pts</u>
			John Batterton

Note: Only those with 50 or more points are shown - currently there are 201 members with Incentive Challenge points.

**Calendar of Tejas Chapter
and Related Events**



2014

Date	Event	Meet Location
November 16, 2014	Tri-Marque Concours see page 5	San Marcos
December 6, 2014	Capital Area Food Bank Charity see page 7	Austin

2015

January 2015	Annual Post-Holiday Party	TBD
February 2015	TBD	TBD
March 20-22, 2015	Texas Trifecta HPDE at COTA	Austin

15 Years of BMW X Models

It all started with an X. This letter was first used as a model designation for a BMW automobile as early as in the mid-1980s to indicate that it featured four-wheel drive technology. The car's dual symmetry was the ideal allegory for the transmission of drive torque to all four wheels. 15 years ago, the letter X became the symbol of an entirely new vehicle category and, at the same time, of a very special form of driving pleasure. The BMW X5 made its debut as the world's first Sports Activity Vehicle, soon going on to conquer not only the road but also off-road terrain, whilst attracting additional target groups to the BMW brand. Once again the German premium automobile manufacturer had demonstrated its extraordinary sense for innovative and future-oriented vehicle concepts. The introduction of the BMW X5 in 1999 laid the foundation stone for the unique success story of BMW X models on automotive markets all over the world.

15 years further on, a complete BMW X family has developed from the pioneer of a new vehicle category. The brand's range now comprises five BMW X models. These are complemented by the two four-wheel drive high-performance sports cars of the BMW M GmbH, the BMW X5 M and the BMW X6 M. The BMW X5 is already the third generation of its kind to continue the story of success. The second generation of the Sports Activity Coupe BMW X6 and the BMW X3 are now being produced. The BMW X1 offers a guarantee of multi-faceted driving pleasure in the compact segment. And the BMW X4, a Sports Activity Coupe, now also combines superior dynamism with sporting elegance in the

mid-range segment. Each of these models was the first premium vehicle of its kind within its competitive environment. And the range will continue to expand also in the years ahead. The BMW X7, an exceptionally large and luxurious model, is under development. The popularity of BMW X models, which contributed decisively towards BMW becoming one of the world's most successful producer of premium four-wheel drive automobiles, continues to increase consistently. To this day, more than 3.3 million BMW X models have been sold worldwide. Almost every third newly registered vehicle of the brand is now a BMW X model.

Uncompromising driving pleasure – also in four-wheel drive models.

The BMW X5 made an impressive start with a driving experience that was unique to models of the brand. It was characterised above all by the high seating position and excellent handling both on the road and on off-road terrain. This was supplemented by the exceptionally spacious, variably utilisable and luxuriously equipped interior. From the very start, the unique position of the BMW X5 within the competitive environment of off-road vehicles was a result of its unparalleled driving dynamics. As opposed to conventional off-roaders, the BMW X5 featured a self-supporting safety body shell and independent suspension. The four-wheel drive system distributed drive torque to the front and rear wheels at a ratio of 38 : 62 percent. Thanks to the standard vehicle stability control feature DSC (Dynamic Stability Control), ADB-X (Automatic Differential Brake) and downhill control HDC (Hill Descent Control), the BMW X5 was equipped not only for sporty motoring, but also for the

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challenges of driving on off-road terrain.

From the beginning, power transmission to all four wheels was deployed by BMW not merely to optimise traction on unpaved roads and in adverse weather conditions, but also to enhance driving dynamics when taking bends. Therefore, in the case of the current models equipped with the intelligent four-wheel drive feature xDrive, and in contrast to other manufacturers who use four-wheel drive predominantly to compensate for traction losses experienced on front-wheel drive vehicles, BMW consistently adheres to the typical characteristics of the rear-wheel drive concept. In this way, even in normal driving situations most of the torque is transferred to where it is optimally transformed into vehicle dynamics – the rear wheels. As a result, the steering precision that is characteristic of a BMW also remains virtually free from

drivetrain influences on four-wheel drive models. Moreover, when cornering at higher speeds, steering response is optimised through a targeted increase in torque delivered to the rear wheels.

The innovative combination of traction, dynamics and comfort that characterised the first-generation BMW X5 was in overwhelming demand above all in the USA, but also in Europe and other markets. By the middle of 2005, the 500,000th BMW X5 had rolled off the assembly line, with a total of almost 620,000 units of the first Sports Activity Vehicle being built at the BMW Spartanburg plant. Today, the production location in the US Federal State of South Carolina is the competence centre for BMW X models. The current model generations of the BMW X5, the BMW X6 and the BMW X3 as well as the BMW X4 are produced there. Also, the BMW X5 M and the BMW X6 M are “born in the USA”.



Proven concept, new segment and premiere of BMW xDrive: The BMW X3.

With the transfer of the SAV concept to a further vehicle segment in 2004, BMW became a pioneer yet again. With its more compact dimensions versus the BMW X5 and its even more agile handling characteristics, the BMW X3 proved to be an absolute exception and remained the only premium vehicle in its class for many years. Furthermore, the BMW X3 featured a new kind of permanent power transmission to all four wheels – intelligent BMW xDrive. With its extremely fast responding, electronically controlled multiple disk clutch inside the transfer case and thanks to being interlinked with the vehicle stability control system DSC, the new system, which was simultaneously introduced on the BMW X5, offered unbeatably favourable prerequisites for

variable, on-demand power transmission.

Characteristic driving pleasure, premium quality and, in addition, outstanding efficiency bestowed the BMW X3 with great popularity and numerous accolades. These included best ratings in the “Customer Satisfaction Index” (CSI) published by the J.D. Power market research institute and in the breakdown statistics of the Allgemeiner Deutscher Automobilclub (ADAC). Twice in succession, the BMW X3 was winner of the title “Four-wheel car of the year” and “Off-road vehicle of the year” in the readers’ poll conducted by the magazines “Auto Bild Allrad” and “Off Road” respectively. The first-generation BMW X3 was sold more than 600,000 times worldwide before being replaced by its successor in 2010.

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Confidently continuing its predecessor's success story: The second generation of the BMW X5.

In 2006, production of the second-generation BMW X5 began at the BMW Spartanburg plant. With enhanced spatial comfort, a luxurious ambience, even more superior drive technology as well as innovative suspension and driver assistant systems, the successor to the pioneer of the Sports Activity Vehicle again set new benchmarks within the broadened competitive environment of BMW X models. Moreover, the BMW X5 of the second generation was the brand's first model that could be equipped with up to seven seats.

Cutting-edge eight- and six-cylinder petrol engines as well as outstandingly economical six-cylinder diesel power units in conjunction with extensive BMW EfficientDynamics technology ensured that the BMW X5 was able to combine its extraordinary qualities with fuel consumption and emission levels that were unparalleled in this vehicle and performance class. The high appeal of the large SAV was attested by numerous awards for design, safety and quality. In 2007, the BMW X5 received the design award "autonis" presented by the trade magazine "auto motor und sport" and a Gold Award in the J.D. Power North American customer satisfaction study. These were complemented in 2008 by a class victory in the "auto, motor und sport" readers' poll "The Best Cars". In 2007 and 2008, the US-American Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) voted the car "Top Safety Pick" for outstanding crash test behaviour. Furthermore, exceptionally high value retention became a trademark

of the BMW X5. As a result, the German trade magazine "Auto Bild" voted it "Value Champion of the Year" both in 2007 and 2008. With almost 730,000 units sold worldwide, the second generation of the BMW X5 was again able to clearly outperform its predecessor's success.

Innovative concept for even greater driving pleasure: The Sports Activity Coupe BMW X6.

The successful establishment of the Sports Activity Vehicle concept in two vehicle segments was followed by further innovations with which BMW was able to further strengthen its unique position within the competitive environment of four-wheel drive vehicles. In the spring of 2008, BMW presented the world's first Sports Activity Coupe. The BMW X6, which from that time on was produced together with the BMW X5 at the BMW Spartanburg plant, underscored the handling dynamics that are typical of BMW X models in a particularly intensive way. Its design combined sporting elegance with a powerful presence. For an even sportier driving experience, the permanent four-wheel xDrive technology featured on this model was complemented for the first time by Dynamic Performance Control, additionally facilitating variable power distribution between the right and left rear wheels.

The first Sports Activity Coupe also assumed a pioneering role in the field of innovative BMW ActiveHybrid Technology. In the case of the BMW ActiveHybrid X6 presented in 2009, superior drive power was generated by an eight-cylinder petrol engine and two electric motors and transferred via the four-wheel drive system BMW xDrive to the front and rear axles as required. With a system output of 357 kW/485 hp, the

BMW ActiveHybrid X6 was at market launch the world's most powerful series production model featuring hybrid drive.

Moreover, in the same year of 2009, two remarkable models were added to the range of high performance sports cars from BMW M GmbH. Inspired by the dynamic potential of BMW X models, developers showcased for the first time on four-wheel drive models the high-performance character associated with the letter M. A V8 power unit specially developed for the two exceptional athletes and featuring M TwinPower Turbo technology and an output of 408 kW/555 hp as well as an M-specific xDrive system including Dynamic Performance Control, formed the basis for an unmatched driving experience in BMW X5 M and BMW X6 M models.

The BMW X1: Role model for multi-faceted driving pleasure in the premium compact segment.

Since 2009, the driving pleasure typical of BMW X models can also be experienced in the compact segment. Thanks to the versatility, sportiness, high degree of agility and cutting-edge functionality of the BMW X1, it was possible to venture yet again into a whole new vehicle class. The compact BMW X model became the forerunner of this segment and a success all over the world, with more than 300,000 units being sold within two and a half years. The BMW X1 is produced at the BMW Leipzig plant. In addition, this model is now also built in collaboration with joint venture partner, Brilliance China Automotive Holdings Ltd., at the Shenyang plant. A total of more than 640,000 BMW X1 models have now been sold worldwide.

With five full-size seats and a 40 : 20 : 40 split-folding rear seatback as standard, the BMW X1 offers a generous and

variably utilisable interior spatial concept. State-of-the-art engines with BMW TwinPower Turbo technology guarantee agility and efficiency. Depending on the engine variant, the BMW X1 can be equipped either with the intelligent four-wheel drive system xDrive or also with brand-typical rear-wheel drive. The 8-speed Steptronic transmission, which is unique in this vehicle class, is also available as an option. The high level of safety provided by the BMW X1 has been verified, inter alia, by the 5-star top rating in the Euro NCAP crash test. The BMW X1 has been presented with the "red dot award", the "Auto Bild Design Award" and the "Design Trophy" awarded by the "Auto Zeitung" for its expressive styling. Furthermore, it is one of the most stable models in its class in terms of value retention. In 2010, it was bestowed with the "Value Champion" title awarded by "Auto Bild".

Constant advancement: Next generation of the BMW X3, fresh impetus from the BMW X4.

Substantial advancements in all aspects relevant to unmistakable driving pleasure characterised the launch of the new BMW X3 in 2010. The second generation of the mid-range SAV model offers not only enhanced sportiness and efficiency, but also significantly more room and comfort as well as optimised functionality and innovative equipment features. The new BMW X3 also received the top 5-star rating in the Euro NCAP crash test, was able to secure numerous accolades for its design and in public surveys and was included in the list of "value champions". The current engine range comprises three petrol and four diesel engines. Two model variants are

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available with rear-wheel drive, with BMW xDrive additionally ensuring on-demand power transmission.

Furthermore, BMW sets new impulses in the premium mid-range class with the first Sports Activity Coupe in this vehicle segment. The BMW X4 launched in 2014 combines the typical characteristics of a BMW X model with the sportingly elegant contours of a coupe of the brand. This model combines driving pleasure, sophistication and modern functionality in an inimitable way. The BMW X4 is offered with a choice of six engine variants and equipped as standard with BMW xDrive.

In top form at the peak of the segment: The new BMW X5 and the new BMW X6.

15 years after the premiere of the first edition, the BMW X5 is already continuing the success story of the Sports Activity Vehicle in its third generation. The new model is once again the benchmark

of driving pleasure, efficiency, powerful design, versatility and luxury within the segment once established by BMW. The latest edition of the SAV is optionally available with seven seats. With the BMW X5 sDrive25d, a particularly efficient model variant featuring rear-wheel drive is being offered for the first time. Straight away, the new BMW X5 was winner of the “Goldene Lenkrad” awarded by “Auto Bild” and “Bild am Sonntag”, repeating the success already achieved by the first generation in 2001.

The latest edition to the family of BMW X models is the new BMW X6. The second generation of the Sports Activity Coupe presents itself with increased design presence and enhanced sportiness as well as with a luxurious interior ambience and innovative equipment features. Optionally available adaptive suspension packages ensure – as with the BMW X5 – sportiness and made-to-measure comfort. Like the standard equipment options, the range of driver assistant systems and mobility services from BMW ConnectedDrive has been significantly extended.





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The Tejas Chapter would like to have its 1st event. A small team of Tejas Chapter members had been putting the plans together for a 2011 event, then a 2012 event, then a 2013 event, then a 2014 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 2015.

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well at least a small part of it.

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BMW Performance Center West

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- BMW brings its renowned curriculum of performance driving instruction to Southern California in new permanent facility
- Partners with The Thermal Club – new premier private motorsports club

Woodcliff Lake, NJ/Thermal, CA – October 3, 2014 12:00pm EDT/ 9:00am PDT . . . BMW of North America today announced the opening of the new BMW Performance Center West, the company's permanent performance driver training facility located in Southern California. BMW partners with The Thermal Club, the new premier private motorsports club, to create a dedicated road course and training facility just a few minutes outside of La Quinta, California. Opening in late 2014, the BMW Performance Center West will offer the full complement of performance driving courses for which the BMW Performance Center in Spartanburg, South Carolina has been renowned since 1999. These include the BMW M Schools as well as the BMW Teen Driving Schools.

“We have long believed that the right driver training is every bit as important as technology in helping to keep drivers safe,” noted Peter Miles – Vice President of Sales Channel Development and Customer Relations, BMW of North America. “The BMW Performance Center West will make it easier for customers in the Western US to benefit from the same professional driving instruction that nearly 130,000

drivers have had at the BMW Performance Center in South Carolina over the last 15 years. We are very pleased to partner with The Thermal Club.”

The BMW Performance Center West brings a permanent BMW performance driver training facility to Southern California. Occupying 32 acres on the grounds of The Thermal Club, the BMW Performance Center West will include a dedicated 1.4 mile road course, 6.2 acres of paddock, a skid pad and an 8,500 square foot Performance Facility. It will offer the full complement of driver training courses that are currently offered at the BMW Performance center in South Carolina.

The company launched BMW Driver Training in Germany in 1977. In 1999 it opened the BMW Performance Center near Spartanburg, South Carolina – its first permanent US-based performance driving school and delivery center. Since opening, nearly 130,000 students have graduated from BMW performance driving courses. This includes nearly 5,000 graduates of BMW Teen Driving Schools. Today between 1,000 and 1,500 people visit the BMW Performance Center every week.

In a unique partnership, home for the new BMW Performance Center will be at The Thermal Club, a new premium private motorsports club just outside of La Quinta, California. “We are thrilled that BMW has selected Thermal as its long term home for the BMW Performance Center West. This is a very exciting venture for the community, Thermal and our members. It’s a great partnership with one of the world’s premiere brands”,

note Thermal Club owners Tim and Twanna Rogers. The Thermal Club is focused on providing the ultimate motorsports programming, world-class culinary offering and a luxury service levels. The facility offers 5.5 miles of road racing circuits, private luxury member garage villas and luxury concierge services. The Motorsports Village consists of the Tuning Shop that features

maintenance bays for vehicle maintenance and repairs, locker rooms, and lounge. The Trackside Garage designed for storage for the track and safety car fleet and the Tower Building is the main clubhouse building that will feature a 70 foot high operational control tower. Other luxury amenities will include a pool, kids club and tennis courts.

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