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Utopia Weekend

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*From  
The  
President*

## Goodbye to the Manual BMW

If you follow BMW news, you'll no doubt have seen that the new G20 3 Series won't be offered in a manual transmission, unless you happen to live in Europe and buy the bottom-of-the-range diesel. While you'll still be able to get the next-generation M3 in a manual, this does truly feel like the end of an era.

Who's to blame? Technological progress. The ZF 8-speed automatic being used across the range now is really a modern marvel and by all accounts, one of the best automatic transmissions ever produced. For most customers, it's hard to argue with the day to day driveability that an automatic brings.

However, while we're throwing blame around, let's not forget all the customers who bought E90 and F30 3ers with automatics. For nearly a decade now, BMW's customers have voted with their wallets, and they've resoundingly said that these cars are perfectly fine without a manual option. I regret to inform you that I'm part of the problem. I ordered my 2016 M3 with a DCT transmission instead of the manual, and I don't regret it, even a little.

To my knowledge, there is no official word on if the next-gen 4 Series will have a manual option, but perhaps there is a glimmer of hope, as that will be the platform the M3 and M4 are based on.

The moral of the story is, if you're in the market for a manual BMW sedan, that ship has sailed, and you'd better start looking to snap up a lightly used example with low miles before they're gone.

**Until next time,  
Josh Butts**

### Welcome New Members

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*Matias Benitez  
Aaron Blanchet  
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Saturday  
November 10, 2018  
11:am - 3:00pm**

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- New vehicle display
- BMW genius on hand
- Wheel straightening and cosmetic repair available and of course:
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The event at Schenley Park hosts 150 vintage racers, over 2,500 show cars and 200,000 weekend spectators. The street course, considered the most challenging on the vintage race circuit, traverses Schenley Park's Serpentine Drive and consists of a 2.33 mile circuit that has 23 turns, haybales, manhole covers, phone poles, and stone walls. 2018 marked the 36th consecutive year of the races with the signature event, the International Car Show and Vintage continued on page 10

## Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

photos by Scott Bowman

The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is a vintage motor sports car race and 10-day motorsport festival that takes place annually in mid-July in Schenley Park located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, United States. With an estimated 250,000 spectators during the 10 days, the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is one of the largest vintage sports car race events in the United States. The race originated in 1983 and is now the longest-



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Races, through the streets of Schenley Park on the July 14/15, 2018 weekend. Since 1983 the event has donated over \$5 million to autistic and developmentally disabled individuals throughout the Pittsburgh region.

The Grand Prix has grown into a 10-day celebration of motorsports and in addition to two weekends of racing it now includes a blacktie gala, a road rallye, a downtown parade & car display, a Jet Center Party, Countryside Tour and three distinct car shows.



As everyday vehicles pulled into Schenley Park this weekend, a whole different breed of autos — more specifically, vintage race cars — could be heard speeding around the Oakland park's blocked-off roads for the 2018 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix.

The Grand Prix, celebrating its 36th anniversary, is a charity event that consists of races, car shows and more. It is run by volunteers, with executive director Dan DelBianco the

only paid employee.

“We have over 1,400 volunteers here that get together and make this happen,” said Susan Gera, director of public relations for the race. “Our volunteers come back year after year after year, and they start to learn and take on more roles and do more things. We couldn't do it without every one of these people.”

One of the volunteers, Ryan Low, who brought his dog Fergie to the Grand Prix, said he enjoys giving his time for a good cause and appreciates the sense of community and charity of the event.

“My family has been coming here since 1985,” he said. “Two years after it started, my uncle got involved with it, just kind of brought the whole family in. I think my mom brought me in '87. I was 5 years old, so I don't remember much, but I was here.”

The atmosphere was family-friendly. Many racing fans looking to get a good view of the cars as they came by stood at various points along the track, while other spectators spread out blankets in the shade with picnics or sat in lawn chairs on hills to get a better view of the whole course.





## Tejas Chapter Incentive Points Challenge for 2018

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

| Activity  | Points         |
|---|----------------|
| Return Survey Form (form available on request or at website)  | 50             |
| Attend a meeting or event                                     | 30             |
| Organize a monthly event, (social/technical etc.)             | 100            |
| Assist with a monthly event (credited by organizer)           | 50             |
| Each new member recruited (credited by CCA)                   | 30             |
| Original photo(s) published in the Trax (30 pts max/issue)    | 10             |
| Original photo(s) published on the website (30 pts max/event) | 10             |
| Original Tech Tip published in the Trax                       | 15             |
| Original Article published in the Trax (500 words or more)    | 60             |
| Original Article published in the Trax (less than 500 words)  | 30             |
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|                         |                         |                          |                           |
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| <b>Raquel Robles</b>    | <b>David Lucia</b>      | <b>Les Perkins</b>       | <b>Valentin Hernandez</b> |
| <b>980 Pts</b>          | <b>220 Pts</b>          | <b>80 Pts</b>            | <b>Thor Hilgenfeldt</b>   |
| <b>Paul Goldfine</b>    | <b>Lenny Zwik</b>       | <b>James Whalen</b>      | <b>John Holder</b>        |
| <b>790 Pts</b>          | <b>210 Pts</b>          | <b>70 Pts</b>            | <b>Stephen Johnson</b>    |
| <b>Josh Butts</b>       | <b>Ken Carson</b>       | <b>Bruce Mason</b>       | <b>Dexter Jones</b>       |
| <b>570 Pts</b>          | <b>Jennifer Davis</b>   | <b>60 Pts</b>            | <b>Harris Katchen</b>     |
| <b>Herb Looney</b>      | <b>Connie Stried</b>    | <b>Ken Aldrich</b>       | <b>Mary Lou Katchen</b>   |
| <b>440 Pts</b>          | <b>180 Pts</b>          | <b>Randy Allen</b>       | <b>Luis Leon</b>          |
| <b>Joseph Nielsen</b>   | <b>Kathy Goldfine</b>   | <b>Julie Janulis</b>     | <b>Patrick Lim</b>        |
| <b>Vincent Robles</b>   | <b>David Hardiman</b>   | <b>Walter McNeil</b>     | <b>Boyd McClean</b>       |
| <b>430 Pts</b>          | <b>150 Pts</b>          | <b>Dave Rainwater</b>    | <b>Casey McKee</b>        |
| <b>Rachel Tamez</b>     | <b>Scott Bowman</b>     | <b>Don Yule</b>          | <b>Brian McKinney</b>     |
| <b>400 Pts</b>          | <b>Jonna Clark</b>      | <b>50 Pts</b>            | <b>Lisa Moore</b>         |
| <b>Jeff Gifford</b>     | <b>Bob Gans</b>         | <b>Claudio Sanchez</b>   | <b>Collin Nowak</b>       |
| <b>390 Pts</b>          | <b>120 Pts</b>          | <b>40 Pts</b>            | <b>Ed Rader</b>           |
| <b>Kathryn Butts</b>    | <b>Joaquin Aviles</b>   | <b>Bruce Gow</b>         | <b>Al Ridgley</b>         |
| <b>360 Pts</b>          | <b>Helen Dorrance</b>   | <b>30 Pts</b>            | <b>Bob Salzman</b>        |
| <b>Michael Miranda</b>  | <b>Gene Janulis</b>     | <b>Mohammed Abusalih</b> | <b>Diana Salzman</b>      |
| <b>340 Pts</b>          | <b>Terry Jones</b>      | <b>Gloria Anderson</b>   | <b>Dustin Sharpe</b>      |
| <b>Alex Henry</b>       | <b>110 Pts</b>          | <b>Mike Anderson</b>     | <b>Todd Spencer</b>       |
| <b>330 Pts</b>          | <b>Derek Hinch</b>      | <b>Craig Bennion</b>     | <b>Randy Stalnakar</b>    |
| <b>Marco Cordon</b>     | <b>90 Pts</b>           | <b>Don Bishop</b>        | <b>Robert Turpin</b>      |
| <b>310 Pts</b>          | <b>Bob Beuerlein</b>    | <b>David Brown</b>       | <b>David Wiggins</b>      |
| <b>David Morrow</b>     | <b>Bob Heimann</b>      | <b>Lisa Brown</b>        | <b>Susan Yule</b>         |
| <b>300 Pts</b>          | <b>Sridhar Kamma</b>    | <b>Mark Brown</b>        | <b>Donald Zielinski</b>   |
| <b>Mary Beth Cordon</b> | <b>Chris Kite</b>       | <b>Mack Buel</b>         | <b>20 Pts</b>             |
| <b>250 Pts</b>          | <b>Debra -Lou Lantz</b> | <b>Andres Cardoza</b>    | <b>Joe Martinez</b>       |
| <b>Roger Williams</b>   | <b>Jeffrey Lantz</b>    | <b>Linda Cook</b>        | <b>James Rogers</b>       |
| <b>240 Pts</b>          | <b>Bill Lewis</b>       | <b>Tim Cook</b>          | <b>10 Pts</b>             |
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**2018 Incentive Points Challenge Rookies Leader Board  
As of October 29, 2018**

|                |             |              |                  |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|
| 35.54 Pts      | 17.09 Pts   | 4.85 Pts     | 4.24 Pts         |
| Alex Henry     | Bob Gans    | Chris Hempel | Dustin Sharpe    |
| 28.08 Pts      | 17.00 Pts   | 4.68 Pts     | 3.43 Pts         |
| Kathy Goldfine | Les Perkins | Boyd McClean | Donald Zielinski |

**Calendar of Tejas Chapter  
and Related Events**



**2018**

| Date              | Event                             | Meet Location |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| November 10, 2018 | BMW of Austin event<br>see page 5 | Austin        |
| December 2018     | TBD                               | TBD           |

**2019**

|              |                             |     |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| January 2019 | Post Holiday Party & Awards | TBD |
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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 since 2011 event, but have continually 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 limited success. Due to this roadblock, the new target to hold an event is now 2019.

Please contact the Driving Events Coordinator, Jeff Gifford at [jeff@jeffgifford.com](mailto:jeff@jeffgifford.com), if you have a contact for a location in the Central Texas area.

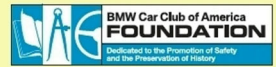


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# Utopia Weekend

By Paul Goldfine

A big hand needs to be given to Josh Butts for this year's Utopia weekend. He faced, and overcame, a number of challenges to bring this all together. The first challenge was a good one. We had a record number of members sign up for dinner on Friday evening. So many, in fact, that the original restaurant selected couldn't handle a group of our size. The second challenge was the weather. Due to the incredible amount of rain we'd received, there had to be some last minute changes to route us around some low water crossings. Even so, it turned out to be a great weekend.

Saturday started from the parking lot of the River Hills Mall. There was a little light rain falling but it didn't



seem to dampen anyone's mood. We started out heading South on TX-16 toward Bandera. There are parts of this road that can be quite challenging. Some of the sharp turns and elevation changes can certainly take you by surprise. I will have to say, this year was a little more fun than the last time I was on this road. The construction was over, there were two lanes open, and we didn't get stuck behind other traffic.

After a quick rest stop, we headed out on FM-470 toward the first of the Three Sisters, FM-337. Here we saw

the first evidence of what the rain had done to the soil. There were a couple of places where the cliff face had eroded and there were some rock slides that reached right to the edge of the road. Because of the weather, the view into the valley was hidden but



it was still a great road to drive. After coming off FM-337, we headed South on US-83 toward Concan and our lunch stop at Neal's Café.



As before, the food was good and the service was quick. There was a little mix up but our table was thankful to Josh for ordering the fried pickles. Now, I don't know if it was just our corner being a bit boisterous but the waitress did come over and ask us to use our inside voices. After a group photo on the deck, we headed out for the afternoon drive.

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**Annual Utopia  
October 1**  
**Many thanks to Josh B**  
**Many more great photos are av**





**ia Weekend**  
**2-14, 2018**  
**Butts and Kathryn Butts**  
available on the chapter website



## Utopia Weekend

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The sun actually broke out as we were leaving the restaurant and it definitely was welcome after a gray morning. We headed back up US-83 but



soon turned off to follow the second of the Three Sisters, FM-336. From there, we headed back to Kerrville to relax before meeting for dinner at Cowboy Steakhouse.



During dinner, we had the honor of presenting Glenn and Sandy McConnell with plaques and pins from the BMW CCA naming them Friends of the Club for their outstanding dedication in leading the Tejas Chapter for 27 years.



A big thank you goes out to Terry Sayther for making this happen.

Getting up Sunday morning the forecast was for a 20% chance of rain, so everyone was feeling hopeful. Unfortunately, there was a 100% chance where we happened to meet. Our first



stop for the day was at the Lost Maples General Store. As we drove on TX-39 and climbed into the hills, we ran into the lower deck of the clouds. It was a bit surreal because, in some patches, you could easily lose sight of the rest of the group. We made it through unscathed and continued on to the second part of TX-337.

Leaving there, we drove through Center Point where we were supposed to make a river crossing and get a view of the waterfall. Unfortunately, the only crossing was the river crossing the road. After turning around and regrouping, we headed toward Luckenbach. As we headed that way, the clouds broke, the sun shined though, and it was nice and



dry for everyone's outdoor meal.

Once again, this was a great event and I'm already looking forward to next year.

# Blanco BBQ Drive

by Josh Butts

Those of you who've been members for a while know that our events are rain or shine - I can't remember one ever being cancelled going all the way back to 2009. As you're reading this, the absurdly rainy fall we've had in central Texas is hopefully drawing to a close. In September, it was just getting started. Although it had been pouring rain the several days before this drive,



thankfully it let up just as we were departing.

Unfortunately, we did have to make a last-minute decision to alter the route and stick to a few more-traveled roads and avoid a couple low water crossings (calling these bridges would be generous). Don't worry, we'll find a reason to go out and try out the parts we missed.



From our meeting point in Oak Hill, we headed southwest towards Driftwood and Wimberley. I strongly

fought the urge to call for an early "pit" stop at The Salt Lick as we passed by. The weather was improving by the mile as we crossed through Fischer on the way to our actual rest stop on the north shore of Canyon Lake.



After the break we picked up one of my personal favorite roads in the Canyon Lake area, Rebecca Creek Rd. As we made our way further south, it was evident that there had been significant rain not too many hours before - there was debris and dirt washed over the road in many places, and we encountered a few places with



water still running across. Rebecca Creek Rd crosses the Guadalupe river over a nice new bridge (previously a low water crossing until a few years back) and the Guadalupe was raging as we crossed over.

As we arrived in Blanco for lunch  
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# Blanco BBQ Drive

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at Old 300 BBQ, the sun was actually starting to come out. One of the great things about having BBQ for lunch on a drive is that while it may seem played out, it's effectively fast food. People are hungry, and brisket is quick



to serve. Old 300 serves an Akaushi brisket that is out of this world. If you weren't able to make it out to this event, find another nice day to ride out to Blanco and try it out.







## 2018 INAUGURAL CENTRAL TEXAS CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE+SHOW

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### **Concours D'Elegance Review** by Glenn McConnell

The Tejas Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America along with the Lone Star Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, the Hill Country Chapter of Porsche Club of America and the Texas Audi Group Lone Star Section partnered to host the 1st Annual Autobahn Icons Concours d'Elegance and German Car Show, Saturday, October 6th, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 4:00PM at Treaty Oak Distilling, 16604 Fitzhugh Rd, Dripping Springs, Texas 78620.

The Autobahn Icons Concours d'Elegance celebrated German engineering at its finest. Vehicles represented many eras of automotive technology. Cars from the 1950's all the way to today's most advanced

vehicles were on display in all their glory. The event, which was free to the public, consisted of judged and non-judged show classes. There was also dealer participation by Porsche of Austin, Mercedes-Benz of Austin, Audi of Austin and Hendrick BMW of South Austin as well as numerous vendors providing products and services for automotive enthusiasts.

All proceeds from the show were donated to Special Olympics Texas. All vintages of Porsche, Mercedes-Benz, BMW & Audi were invited to the show, which was open to both club members and non-members.

Awards were for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each marque, Best of Show and People's choice.

The day began poorly with a torrential downpour that drenched the

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field where the cars were to be displayed, turning it into a swamp. The organizers moved the displays to the parking lot, which was just muddy gravel instead. Shortly thereafter, the sky cleared up, the sun came out, and it was beautiful weather for the rest of the day.

The location was actually a great place for a concours. Treaty Oak Distilling was a terrific host and the onsite restaurant made getting some



good food for lunch an easy task. Their BBQ rivaled some of the best in Texas.

After the judging was complete, the awards were presented. We were fortunate enough to get third place for our 2001 Z3. I think there were only

4 BMWs that were judged :-). I wish that Tejas Chapter members had



gotten more involved and that we had a better showing. Maybe the next one.

By late afternoon, the field had dried out, so they had the winners lineup for some group shots.

Overall, it was a really great day and a very well planned event. Unfortunately, I don't know how much money was raised for Special Olympic Texas, but I think the total raised was good.

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# The All-new BMW 3 Series Sedan.

The BMW 3 Series Sedan has epitomised the concept of sporty driving pleasure in the global premium midsize class for more than 40 years. Exuding dynamic design, agile handling, exceptional efficiency and innovative equipment features, it takes the signature characteristics of a BMW and turns the volume up several notches.

- Seventh generation of the globally successful ambassador for driving pleasure in a premium midsize car. New BMW 3 Series Sedan benefits from significantly enhanced sporting prowess, a new design language, extensive refinements to its premium ambience and trailblazing driver assistance, control & operation and connectivity technology. World premiere in October 2018 at the

Mondial de l'Automobile in Paris, market launch from 9 March 2019.

- New powertrain technology with higher output, greater pulling power and optimised efficiency. Six engine variants available from launch: Four-cylinder petrol models, four-cylinder diesels, plus six-cylinder diesel unit – with outputs ranging from 110 kW/150 hp to 195 kW/265 hp (fuel consumption combined: 5.8 – 4.2 l/100 km [48.7 – 67.3 mpg imp]; CO2 emissions combined: 132 – 112 g/km)\*. Intelligent all-wheel drive available from launch in the BMW 320d xDrive Sedan (fuel consumption combined: 4.8 – 4.5 l/100 km [58.9 – 62.8 mpg imp]; CO2 emissions combined: 125 – 118 g/km)\*. Over the course of the year, an ultra-sporty BMW M Performance version and an extremely efficient model with plug-in hybrid drive system will be added to the range.

- Noticeably sharper driving dynamics courtesy of extensively upgraded chassis

## THE NEW BMW 3 SERIES - EXTERIOR HIGHLIGHTS.

Modern design with precise lines and contoured surfaces.

Large BMW kidney grille with single surround for the two elements.

New interpretation of the LED twin headlights.

Twin-pipe exhaust system.



T-shaped air intakes.

Sporty proportions (length: + 76 mm / width: + 16 mm / height: + 1 mm).



New interpretation of the Hofmeister kink.



Slim, L-shaped, three-dimensional rear lights.



Welcome Light Carpet (optional).

technology, new damper technology, stiffer body structure and suspension mountings, wider tracks, minimised weight, a low vehicle centre of gravity and even 50 : 50 weight distribution.

- Range of chassis options expanded to give extra sporting ability: M Sport suspension with lowered ride height, Adaptive M suspension, variable sport steering, M Sport brakes, electronically controlled M Sport differential for fully-variable locking effect in the rear differential, up to 19-inch light-alloy wheels.

- New interpretation of the familiar BMW sports sedan look uses the brand's new design language. Clear lines and taut surfaces showcase the car's modern aesthetic, sportiness and emotion-packed presence. Advantage, Sport Line, Luxury Line and M Sport models enable precise individualisation.

- Optimised aerodynamics. Drag coefficient (Cd) reduced from 0.26 to 0.23 (BMW 320d). Progress underpinned by

features including active air flap control, Air Curtains and an almost completely sealed underbody.

- Standard specification gains full-LED headlights and stylishly darkened LED rear lights. LED headlights with extended features, Adaptive LED headlights with BMW Laserlight for non-dazzling high beam (with a range of around 530 metres) and LED front foglamps available as options.

Greater emphasis on driver focus and refined premium interior ambience. Clearly structured controls, precise use of forms and high-quality details convey modern dynamism and exclusivity.

More shoulder and elbow room in the front seats, rearward visibility significantly improved, rear compartment easier to get into and offering greater legroom, boot capacity of 480 litres with better usability than the predecessor model. Folding rear seat backrests split 40 : 20 : 40 as standard.

Significant increase in comfort,  
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## THE NEW BMW 3 SERIES - INTERIOR HIGHLIGHTS.

Large-surface screen grouping of instrument cluster and Control Display.

High-class materials with precise workmanship.



Clear surface layout and driver-focused cockpit.

Auxiliary heating (optional).



Acoustic glass (windscreen standard, side windows optional).



Glass roof with larger opening (+ 100 mm) (optional).



40:20:40 split/folding rear seat backrest as standard.

## All-new BMW 3 Series

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premium ambience and individualisation thanks to extensive additions to standard specification and innovative options. Newly designed sports leather steering wheel with multifunction buttons, new panel of buttons for light functions. New, classy design for the gear selector and the control panel around it on the centre console – which includes the iDrive Controller, start/stop button, the buttons for the Driving Experience Control switch, plus the now electrically operated parking brake.

LED interior lights come as standard, ambient lighting with Welcome Light Carpet as an option. Radio Professional with six speakers as standard, Harman Kardon surround sound system with 16 speakers optional. Two USB ports and Bluetooth interface as standard, telephony with wireless charging available as an

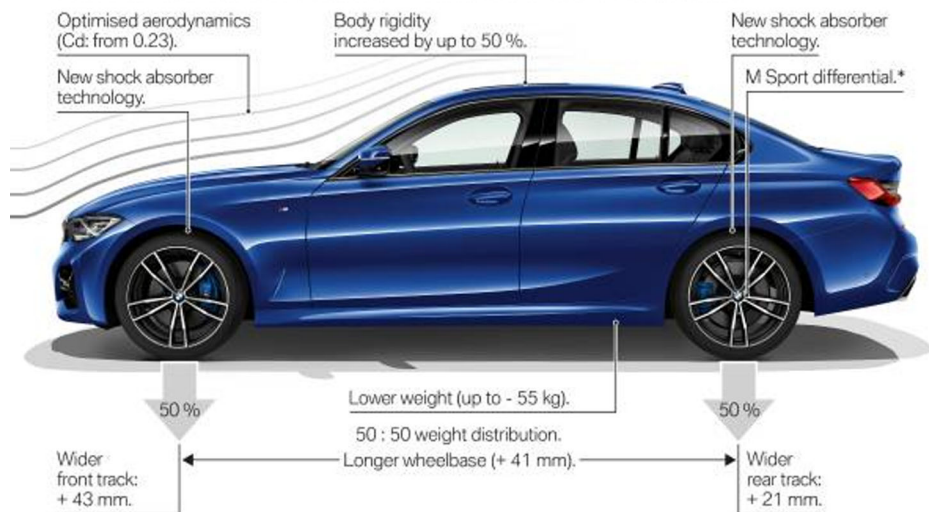
option.

Newly designed seats for the driver and front passenger, optimised seating comfort in the rear, new optional Vernasca leather trim. High-quality materials with precision workmanship. New interior trim variants and instrument panel available in Sensatec. Optional glass roof with 100 millimetres longer transparent surface.

Optimised acoustic properties: Foam-filled A-pillars and acoustic glass for the windscreen as standard, doors with acoustic glass optional.

Extensively expanded range of driver assistance systems paves the way to automated driving: Collision and Pedestrian Warning with Braking function, plus Lane Departure Warning system, now standard. Optional Driving Assistant Professional comprises systems including Active Cruise Control with Stop & Go function, Steering and lane control assistant (which helps guide the car through narrow channels), Lane Change

### THE NEW BMW 3 SERIES - DYNAMIC HIGHLIGHTS.



\* Optional equipment.

Warning system, side collision protection, evasion aid, Cross-Traffic Alert, Priority warning and Wrong-way warning systems. New generation of the BMW Head-Up Display also available.

New ensemble of systems designed to make parking and manoeuvring easier is unmatched by any rival: Parking Assistant with automated longitudinal and lateral guidance for moving into and out of parking spaces, Reversing Assistant, Park Distance Control, rear view camera and 360-degree cameras.

New BMW Intelligent Personal Assistant is an intelligent digital personality integrated into the car. No rival allows the driver to give such a system a name of their choice. The Personal Assistant is an expert on the car and also responds to natural voice commands to help the driver with numerous tasks, such as enhancing productivity and on-board entertainment.

Thoroughly revised control and display

system: Standard specification includes instrument cluster with screen size increased from 2.7 to 5.7 inches and Control Display with screen diagonal up from 6.5 to 8.8 inches. Optional BMW Live Cockpit Professional comes with a fully digital 12.3-inch instrument cluster and 10.25-inch Control Display with consistently designed, situation-linked and customisable displays. New BMW Operating System 7.0 also optimises intuitive operation through multimodal operation (by touch with the Control Display, using the iDrive Controller or steering wheel buttons, and with gesture control or voice control).

Significantly expanded range of digital services from BMW Connected and BMW ConnectedDrive: Remote Software Upgrade keeps the car up-to-date. Parking Space Assistant makes looking for a free spot easier. BMW Digital Key for accessing the car and starting the engine via smartphone.

### THE NEW BMW 3 SERIES - INNOVATION HIGHLIGHTS.

Head-Up Display with larger projection surface (+ 70 %).

Remote Software Upgrade.

Extensive selection of driver assistance systems.



BMW Live Cockpit Professional with BMW Operating System 7.0.

Intelligent Personal Assistant.



Digital Key.

BMW Laserlight.

Reversing Assistant.

All of the features shown here are optional equipment.

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## 2014 M235i

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## 2008 328i

I'm selling my 2008 BMW E90 328i sedan. The car was purchased in 2011 from BMW of Tyler with 100,000 miles. I've since put 50,000 highway miles on the car. In that time, it has hardly skipped a beat and feels like it could easily go another 150,000 miles. I'm an avid BMW enthusiast and a BMW CCA member, so I've kept up on maintenance accordingly. This car has the venerable N52B30 engine, the last naturally aspirated BMW inline six ever to be made. The car goes, stops and handles as good as new. Additionally, it has fresh Michelin Pilot AS/3 tires on all four corners. I have a clean Texas title in hand ready to be transferred to the new owner. The car has a few cosmetic issues, mainly paint

# Classified Ads

oxidation on the hood and a scuff on the rear bumper as shown in the pictures. But nothing too out of the ordinary for a ten year old car, and the price reflects that. Please don't hesitate to call or text me if you have any questions or would like to view the car. I do not need help selling the car. Asking \$4,750. Contact David Hardiman at 512-796-9689 or send email to davidhardiman1@prodigy.net



## Mats For Sale

Selling all weather Weathertech floor mats and cargo mat for X1. Good condition. \$75. Traded X1 for X5. Contact Bruce Mason at 512-560-8965 or M3Bruce@gmail.com.



## 2000 Z3

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