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From The President

It's That Time Again

First of all, it is time for Tejas Chapter officer elections again. I don't know where the time has gone, as it doesn't seem possible that it has been two years since the last elections.

There is a nomination form on page 25 of this issue that can be filled out and mailed in. In addition, there is a nomination form on the Tejas Chapter website that can be submitted, if you don't want to cut up your copy of the Tejas Trax.

Deadline for nominations is November 15, 2011. This is your chance to have a voice in your chapter and if you are interested in running for a position on the Tejas Chapter board, you are encouraged to nominate yourself for that position.

Secondly, it is time again for our annual Utopia drive weekend. We have been doing this event since 1999

and it just gets better every year. This is one of those events that many of our members put on their calendar many months in advance. It is the event that I look forward to the most each year and this year is no exception. With the change in venue from Kerrville to Boerne this year, it will be different and unique. Jonna Clark and Brad Mitchell have even opened up their home for a Friday night ice-breaker. You can't ask for better event hosts than that!

For information on the event, see page 5 of this issue. Also, there are many more details in the Events Section of the Tejas Chapter website, as well as the RSVP form to fill out. If you don't do any other event with the chapter this year, this is the one to attend! Hope to see you in Kerrville on October 23rd.

I hope to see you in Boerne later this month and look forward to your participation in the chapter officer nomination and election process.

**Until next time ...
Glenn McConnell**

Welcome New Members

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Utopia Weekend October 21-23, 2011

planned by Jonna Clark & Brad Mitchell

Friday, October 21st:

- Spend Friday night and avoid having to drive into Boerne early on Saturday morning.
- BYOB and your favorite appetizer to the Jonna's and Brads's home for a Friday evening ice-breaker from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.



Saturday, October 22nd:

- Meet on the main square in Boerne at 8:45am to depart at 9:00am. There are public restrooms there, and it's also close to a couple of the quaint hotels.
- Morning drive



- Lunch on Saturday will be near Utopia at the Laurel Tree, where we will be served a relaxing four course lunch. Lunch will include an appetizer, soup, choice of two main courses, dessert, iced tea, or coffee, and will cost \$28 including tax and tip per person.

- Afternoon drive
- Dinner Saturday evening will be at the Welfare Café in Welfare. We'll have a select menu. They have a wine list or you can bring your own bottle of wine or hard liquor (no beer). There is a \$10 corkage fee if you BYOB. Separate checks OK



Sunday, October 23rd:

- Meet on the main square in Boerne at 9:15 am to depart at 9:30am.
- Sunday will have more driving and will end with lunch at a place TBD.

Complete details are on the Tejas Chapter website.

**RSVP by filling out the RSVP form on the website at
<http://www.tejaschapter.org/tejas.html>**

Tejas Chapter Incentive Points Challenge for 2011

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
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 -4 Hours of Open Track
 -See website for more details

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 Nov 11 - SCCA Drivers
 Nov 25 - NASA & Yellow Drivers

\$215 for Test & Tune Events
\$25 for garages

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**2011 Incentive Points Challenge Leader Board
As of September 24, 2011**

<u>715 Pts</u>	John Hughan	Paul Miranda	<u>50 Pts</u>	Ray Landry
Mike Sevel	<u>230 Pts</u>	Brad Mitchell	Scott Bowman	Bill Leisey
<u>620 Pts</u>	Tom Dawson	Shearon Mitchell	Andre Denais	Margie Mann
Alan Greene	<u>220 Pts</u>	Lisa Moore	David Gahagan	Marc Marshall
<u>570 Pts</u>	Sridhar Kamma	Gregg Peterson	Todd Maker	Mike McDougal
Ken Carson	<u>210 Pts</u>	Martie Peterson	Robert Marraro	Blake McIntyre
<u>550 Pts</u>	Don Bishop	Aldas Ridgley	Brian Peterson	David Meads
Paul Goldfine	<u>200 Pts</u>	Steve Tatro	Gina Silvestri Barker	James Millard
<u>530 Pts</u>	Gay Dawson	<u>80 Pts</u>	Sandy Whitley	Scott Mokry
Herb Looney	Jay West	Joe Lamping	<u>40 Pts</u>	Clint Morgan
<u>510 Pts</u>	<u>170 Pts</u>	Jacy Legault	Michael Sun	Dorothy Morgan
Susan Yule	Bill Hoch	Larry Martin	<u>30 Pts</u>	Ken Patton
<u>440 Pts</u>	<u>150 Pts</u>	<u>70 Pts</u>	Mike Anderson	Chris Pedersen
Roger Williams	Mohammed Abusalih	Tom Goodwin	Craig Bennion	Ken Rebers
<u>370 Pts</u>	Rob Brown	Shon Hill	Dawn Bissell	Dwight Richter
Connie Stried	Philip Nybro	Derrick Houghton	Ken Booth	Joe Robertson
<u>360 Pts</u>	Jim Shaw	<u>60 Pts</u>	Klaus Brown	Kitty Robertson
Eric Chang	<u>140 Pts</u>	Jose Alejo	Mark Brown	Ron Romonosky
<u>350 Pts</u>	Tom Brown	Bob Ashenbrenner	Pierre Bulhon	John Russell
Don Yule	<u>130 Pts</u>	Daniel Briggs	Mike Byrd	Wyatt Shanks
<u>340 Pts</u>	Jeff Conner	Spencer Cubage	James Casto	William Soja
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<u>330 Pts</u>	Jonna Clark	Antonio Jajou	Steven Dorch	John Swann
Josh Butts	Wendy Hoch	Pat Jamail	Timothy Doucette	Javier Torres
<u>280 Pts</u>	Johnny Mitchell	David Jurkowski	Fred Egloff	Christopher Tsay
Tim Cook	Carl Nybro	Bob Lewandowski	Tim Ehrhart	<u>20 Pts</u>
David Elyea	<u>115 Pts</u>	David Mann	Lisa Foight	Kino Ayoubi
Allan Gazza	Steve Pedersen	Daniel Mazza	Tad Goodwin	Andre Dillon
<u>270 Pts</u>	<u>90 Pts</u>	Brian McKinney	Bill Hayes	
Linda Cook	Jan Greene	Sergio Murillo	Christian Knaak	
<u>240 Pts</u>	Mary Lou Katchen	Mike Van Shellenbeck	Tom Kolnowski	
Marco Cordon	Jack Laumer	Karl Van Shellenbeck	Mike Krup	



**2011 Incentive Points Challenge Rookies Leader Board
As of September 24, 2011**

<u>26.64 Pts</u>	<u>12.47 Pts</u>	<u>8.89 Pts</u>	<u>6.71 Pts</u>	<u>4.19 Pts</u>
John Hughan	Scott Bowman	David Gahagan	Antonio Jajou	Mike McDougal
<u>14.80 Pts</u>	<u>11.22 Pts</u>	<u>6.91 Pts</u>	<u>5.98 Pts</u>	<u>3.27 Pts</u>
Jan Greene	Lisa Moore	Kitty Robertson	Pat Jamail	Kino Ayoubi
<u>13.92 Pts</u>	<u>9.39 Pts</u>	<u>6.89 Pts</u>	<u>5.48 Pts</u>	<u>2.82</u>
Shon Hill	Robert Marraro	David Jurkowski	Andre Dillon	James Casto



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 1st event. A small team of Tejas Chapter members had been putting the plans together for a 2010 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 2011.

Please let the Driving Events Coordinator, Linda Cavazos at racegirl330@yahoo.com, if you have a contact for a location in the Central Texas area.

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Cars And Coffee, San Antonio Style

By Mike Sevel

Earlier this year, on a Saturday morning, Jean and I drove from New Braunfels to San Antonio. Our destination was the Panera Bread bakery restaurant (at Blanco Road at the 1604 expressway) as we really like their bagels and coffee. As we approached Panera, there was a traffic jam. It was only 8:45 a.m. and we could not determine the reason for the traffic jam. Then it became apparent, as we saw a large number of classic cars, sports cars, race cars and antique cars. Apparently we stumbled upon San Antonio's Cars and Coffee event which is held (as I found out later) the fourth Saturday of each month.

For those members that reside in the Austin area, you are aware of the Cars and Coffee event held monthly in the city of Leander. I am aware that that it is a popular event attended by some of our club members. I attended once and it was a great time but it is a 150 mile roundtrip from my home so I have not attended again.



So, getting back to the San Antonio event, we finished our breakfast, Jean stayed inside to read the newspapers and I started to "haunt" the rows and rows of cars. I am not sure how many cars frequent

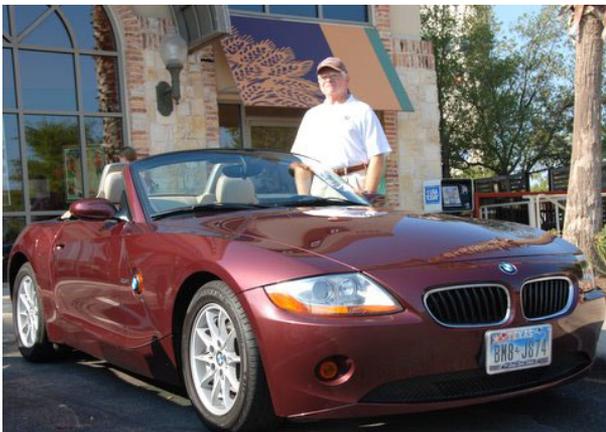


the Leander event recently but my best estimate is that the San Antonio event is attracting 200+ cars. My attention was first geared up to find BMW's and

I was not disappointed. The variety was satisfying with newer BMW's and from the seventies and everything else in between. Then I met a few of our club members which was very enjoyable.

For those BMW owners that were not Tejas members, I gave them my Tejas membership advantages spiel until their eyes crossed.

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Cars And Coffee

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Regarding the "lesser cars" (description of non-BMW cars, term coined by one of our officers in the past) the variety was amazing. I counted ten Ferrari's, four Maserati's, five Lamborghini's and a plenitude of Porsches, Corvettes, Vipers, Camaros, Mustangs, Jaguars, 55-57 Chevies, additional classic cars, antique cars, racing cars, etc.

At this writing I have attended five of the Cars and Coffee events. The variety of cars changes at each event. Some of our Tejas members attend regularly and a few of the the non-Tejas BMW owners, who I spoke to earlier this year, have attended some of our Tejas events this year. At the last event I attended, I spotted a silver Z8 with a red interior. I corralled the



area is spacious. They also have an outdoor patio area that is very attractive with shade created by live oak trees and cushioned rattan furniture seating. Panera is located in a shopping center with many known box stores and a few unique home decorating stores (Jean is a regular shopper there). I am told that cars arrive as early as 7:00 a.m. and most cars are gone by noon.



driver who told me he borrowed it from the owner to attend the event. I explained that we have at least two Z8's in our club. I gave him our website name to forward to the owner and also extended an invitation to attend our events.

A word about Panera, it is very well organized with ample staff operating five registers. The line moves quickly and the internal dining



If you live in the San Antonio area or even if you live further away and are planning a trip there, remember the bonus of joining us at the Panera bakery restaurant the fourth Saturday of each month. You will note that our Tejas events are usually on the third Saturday of each month so there is no conflict. Location again of Panera is on Blanco Road and on the north side of the 1604 expressway.

Thanx and we hope to see you there in the future.

BMW Group once again world's most sustainable automotive company - Sector leader in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index for seventh consecutive year

The BMW Group has once again been named the automotive industry's sector leader in the ranking published today by the SAM Group for the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (DJSI). The BMW Group has therefore been the world's most sustainable automobile manufacturer for seven consecutive years. The BMW Group is also the only company in the automotive industry to be listed in this family of indexes every year since it was established in 1999.

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and responsible action. We are pleased to be recognised by the renowned Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes," said Dr. Norbert Reithofer, Chairman of the Board of Management of BMW AG. "Being ranked sector leader for the last seven years underscores our corporate strategy and approach. I would like to thank all of our company's 95,000 employees whose day-to-day work makes this progress possible," added Reithofer.

Sustainability is an integral part of the BMW Group's corporate strategy. The company appointed an environmental officer back in 1973 – the automotive industry's first. Since then, the company has systematically refined its concept of sustainability. In 2009, corporate sustainability was firmly established as a corporate target at Group level. Today, the Sustainability Board, comprising all

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members of the Board of Management, defines the strategic alignment through binding internal targets, and the Executive Sustainability Committee paves the way for implementation in the relevant divisions.

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The SAM Group analyses the economic, environmental and social performance of approximately 2,500 companies and selects the best in each industry for the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes. General sustainability criteria are considered as well as industry-specific challenges such as climate change. The Dow Jones Sustainability Index was the first global sustainability index to be created, in 1999, and has since been published each year by the SAM Group, based in Zurich, in cooperation with Dow Jones Indexes and STOXX Limited. More information is available at www.sustainability-indexes.com

The BMW Group

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During the financial year 2010, the BMW Group sold 1.46 million cars and more than 110,000 motorcycles worldwide. The profit before tax for 2010 was euro 4.8 billion on revenues amounting to euro 60.5 billion. At 31 December 2010, the BMW Group had a workforce of approximately 95,500 employees.

The success of the BMW Group has always been built on long-term thinking and responsible action. The company has therefore established ecological and social sustainability throughout the value chain, comprehensive product responsibility and a clear commitment to conserving resources as an integral part of its strategy. As a result of its efforts, the BMW Group has been ranked industry leader in the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes for the last seven years.



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Redneck Wine Tour Review

by Susan Yule

What an unusual name for a BMW Event, Red Neck Wine Tour. That is what first caught my attention. I guess I really don't get what the Red Neck part of the tour was but, it sounded very interesting and hey, something different. I am always game for something new and different.



Kathryn and Josh Butts stepped up to the plate and took the BMW challenge of planning an event. I give them two thumbs up on their challenge. We know from personal experience it's not as easy as it looks to manage an event. That is why I like stationary events.

We started our Saturday morning meeting in New Braunfels in a parking lot that was shared by Chili's, La Quinta and a Shell station. Did anyone else besides me notice the importance of this parking lot? Spend the night at the La Quinta so you don't have to get up early, somewhere to eat (I don't think Chili's is open for breakfast) and of course the most important a Shell gas station.

The drivers' meeting started with Mike welcoming the new BMW members followed by Josh and Kathryn letting us know the specifics of the anticipated drive. We had 34 cars show up for this event and about 59 people. Good turn out!

The meeting place was a great location but when we all started to leave in typical fashion we all got backed up at the stop light. It was great seeing everyone fall back and wait for everyone to catch up. See, no BMW left behind.



I really enjoyed the slow drive being able to see all of the scenery. When we drive too fast I feel that the scenery is all a blur and that I don't really enjoy what we are actually supposed to see. While driving did anyone else notice the American Flag hanging from the tree? (*Ed. note - see the cover*)

When we left New Braunfels, we headed north along the river for a slow and scenic drive. Then we picked up the pace a bit and headed northwest towards Blanco along the west side of Canyon Lake before turning northward towards Johnson City where we ended up having lunch at the Pecan Street Brewing Company .

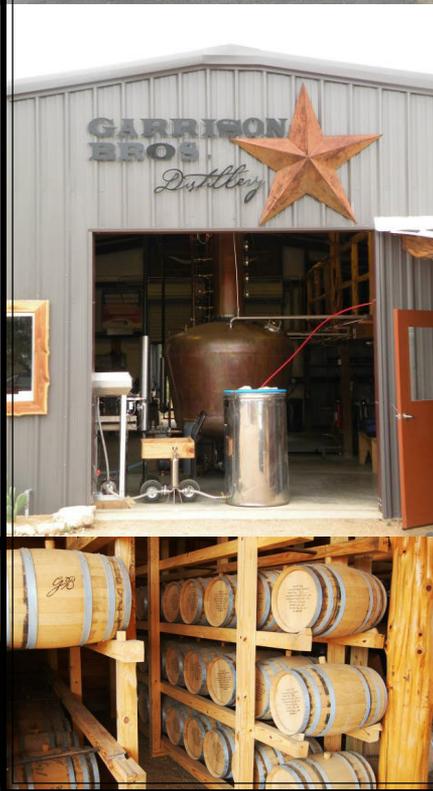
We were all able to be seated at once and able to choose what we wanted to eat from the lunch menu. The lunch menu included salads, pizza and burgers and of course beer.

The wait staff was very attentive to everyone and the food was served rather quickly for the amount of

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Redneck V
September
Many thanks to Jos
Many more great photos are av





Wine Tour
April 17, 2011
John & Kathryn Butts
Available on the chapter website



Redneck Wine Tour Review

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people that attended. We weren't the only people in the restaurant that they had to serve either. Kudos to the Pecan Street Brewing staff for accommodating all of the patrons in the restaurant.



A little history about Pecan Street Brewing - Pecan Street Brewing is the vision of Tim & Patty Elliott, who purchased the building in 2008 with the dream of giving the Johnson City icon new life. Tim & Patty decided to return to the hill country after living in Houston where they ran a successful blending and packaging company. They are still blending, but this time it is artisanal beers, hand-crafted by their Brewer, Sean Elliott. Sean honed his craft studying in Europe as well as the US, and of course through much experimenting and “testing.” Sean is joined by John Yachimski, the Head Chef for Pecan Street Brewing and mastermind behind the ever-changing menu of brick-oven pizzas, fresh salads, and burgers loaded with fresh and local ingredients.

Pecan Street Brewing is located in the center of town in the old Blanco County Supply building, which was

established in the early 50's.



Originally it was a hardware and supply store and unofficially the gathering place where folks would get together, drink coffee and swap stories about the goings-on about town. Now the gathering continues but the beverage of choice is a nice cold one, to be enjoyed in the restaurant, beer garden or while dancing to one of the many live bands featured every weekend.

Did anyone else besides Herb know that it started to drizzle (rain) while we were having lunch? Herb, did you get the car cleaned up before the last part of the drive? Thanks Linda for letting Herb know so he could put his car top up. Who would have thought that we would see any rain since we haven't had any rain in almost three months? Of course on this particular day we were forecasted as 20-30% chance of rain.

Once we all finished lunch we all gathered for the second part of the tour, on to the Garrison Brothers Distillery in Hye, TX. We were told that this was the “Best Little Still House in Texas”.

When we arrived at the Distillery some were faked out by the first building that they saw and started to park. Psych! Wrong building. We were

then lead down a very long dirt road to the actually Distillery.

We were divided up into two groups to start the tour. We started the tour at the three grain silos and then proceeded to the building where they make the mash. One thing I learned is that all bourbons are whiskey but not all whiskeys are bourbon.

Here are a few things we learned about Garrison Brothers. Garrison Brothers is home to the first and oldest legal whiskey distillery in Texas. Their current product line includes the Cowboy Bourbon and the Garrison Brother Texas Bourbon brands.



Bourbon's raw materials are corn, wheat, rye, barley, and wood. Interestingly enough, Garrisons works with organic farms in Texas who grow harvest corn and provide it to them fresh. The grain is different from year to year due to agricultural factors: rainfall, temperature fluctuations, farming techniques and soil quality. As quoted in an article written by Jim Forsyth, "By law, you have to age bourbon in brand new, white American oak barrels," Garrison said. He says he uses top quality Texas Panhandle grown organic corn to make the famous sweet mash which is the basis for bourbon. "This is the kind of corn you get at a Whole Foods Market or at a Central Market," he said. "It's really good corn.

According to Dan Garrison

proprietor of the Garrison distillery, one trait that runs throughout their bourbons is color. Typically, bourbons have a light straw color with hints of amber and brown. Garrison's bourbons are dark, with an amber-crimson tint. According to Dan, their bourbons are darker and richer than almost any other bourbon on the market today.

According to Forsyth, Bourbon is the best selling hard liquor in America, with bourbon exports hitting \$1 billion for the first time in 2007. Dan Garrison says there is a good market at home and abroad for Garrison Brothers Texas Bourbon. He plans to market two types of bourbon, Texas Bourbon, and its sister recipe, Cowboy Bourbon. Future releases are scheduled for 2011/2012.

At the end of our tour we were able to sample the bourbon that is sold to the public. While Don enjoyed the bourbon, I on the other hand prefer wine. To each his own.

We were not able to purchase bourbon on site, but Specs and Twin Liquors do carry the Garrison Bourbon if you ask. The only way we could support the Garrison Brothers at this time on their ranch was to purchase T-shirts, glasses etc. So for the next event don't be surprised if you see the Yule's wearing their matching shirts.



The BMW 3 Series: an unparalleled career in motorsports

A glance in racing speed at the milestones of the unprecedented motorsport career of the BMW 3 Series.

Over the 5 generations since its launch, the BMW 3 Series has enjoyed a most impressive career. This applies to its market success, but also especially to its career in motorsports. During the past 35 years, the 3 Series models with their characteristic compact dimensions, dynamic engines and sporty suspension have contributed considerably towards dynamic performance and the brand's excellent reputation on the racetrack. With such attributes, BMW's midrange model is ideally suited for successful use in motorsports in particular. With its return in 2012 to the DTM, a top motorsport category, BMW intends to replicate its earlier successes with the BMW M3 DTM

now currently under development.

A start with a bang: BMW 320i for the BMW Junior Team.

The BMW 3 Series Sedan of the first generation had been on the market for just two years when it caused an incredible sensation on the racetrack. The task was to render the new series a flagship of the brand in terms of sportiness through its successful deployment in motor sports. The BMW Motorsport GmbH, which was established in 1972, developed the BMW 3 Series with the greatest consistency into a so-called Group 5 racing touring car in accordance with an extremely sophisticated technical regulation. The car was powered by a proven racing engine – the 2-litre four-cylinder power unit with four valves per cylinder, which had dominated Formula 2 racing for several years and already boasted 300 hp when first deployed in the BMW 3 racing car. Trimmed for good road holding by



means of lightweight construction, torsional stiffness and huge wings at the front and rear, the three exclusively painted cars for the BMW Junior Team (comprising young talents Manfred Winkelhock, Marc Surer and Eddie Cheever) were the main topic of discussion during their first race at the Belgian Grand Prix racetrack in Zolder on 13 March 1977. But when one of the three BMW juniors, Marc Surer from Switzerland, went ahead of the established competition, eventually going on to win the race, the sensation was perfect. The BMW 3 Series had got off to a storybook start on the racetrack.

During this first season and in the following years, the path to victory in its class always led via the BMW 3 Series racing touring car. It was deployed in countless national championships and at the end of the season the champion in those days was usually a BMW driver. Time after time, leading racing drivers such as

Hans-Joachim Stuck or Ronnie Peterson demonstrated their extraordinary talents in this racing car. 3 Series cars in the Group 5 were also successfully deployed in the Manufacturer World Championship. In 1978, the German Racing Championship was won by a turbo version deployed by the Team Schnitzer from Freilassing. Incidentally, it was a 1.4-litre, 410 hp BMW works car also featuring this technology that encouraged advocates of an idea how to accomplish even greater deeds: The engine of this BMW 3 Series was, so to speak, the predecessor to the power unit with which, in 1983, the Brazilian Nelson Piquet became the first 'turbo world champion' in Formula 1 racing history driving a Brabham BMW. The spectacular chapter of Group 5 racing cars drew to a close in 1982, but the next chapter in the history of BMW 3 Series motorsport had already been opened.

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BMW M3: the world's most successful touring car.

In addition to the convertible, touring, compact, diesel and four-wheel drive versions and simultaneously with the expansion of the second generation of the BMW 3 Series starting in 1982, a further very special variant stepped into the public and racing limelight – the BMW M3.

Then, in 1987, nobody could anticipate that this 3 Series would one day become the world's most successful touring car. The idea was to create a basic car that contained all that was needed to develop a potentially successful racing car according to the so-called Group A regulation. And in compliance with the rules in force, 5,000 of them had to

be built within a year. The central issue was yet again the engine. Here, the BMW Motorsport GmbH reverted to a trick they had already used in the past. A great in-line six-cylinder engine featuring four-valve technology was available from the BMW M1 and the BMW M 635 CSi. This was, in simple terms, 'shortened' by two cylinders. The final result was a 2.3-litre four-cylinder engine, whose initial 200 hp had already catapulted the series production BMW M3 into the sports car sector. In 1987, following a victorious interim period with the BMW 323i, the 300 hp racing version of the BMW M3 took to the starting grid for the first time and went on to win everything that could be won in touring car sports. In the years 1987 to 1992, hardly a racing weekend went by without Munich receiving a report of a BMW M3 victory or a championship win in a country



somewhere in the world. Whether in Australia, Finland, France or Holland and Germany, M3 drivers were gaining championship titles everywhere, which even included victory in a rally sport world championship event. In the hotly contested DTM (Deutsche Tourenwagen Meisterschaft) alone, the M3 seized 40 victories and more than 150 top three rankings.

A special mention should be given to the World and European Championship titles, as well as the hard-fought victories in the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring-Nordschleife and in Spa-Francorchamps / Belgium. In short, the racing battles fought by drivers Roberto Ravaglia, Johnny Cecotto, Steve Soper, Emanuele Pirro or Joachim Winkelhock (to name just the wildest), are among the classics in motorsport – and include some of the 3 Series' greatest sporting moments. On the way to success with four and six-cylinder engines and with diesel. The sporting career of the third-

generation 3 Series was characterised by deployment in various countries and championships, some of which were subject to very differing technical regulations. For example, from 1993 to 1998 vehicles featuring varying modifications and engines were put on the starting grid. The choice of racing cars ranged from the BMW Coupe and Sedan with an almost production-ready body and a 2-litre four-cylinder, four-valve engine with around 300 hp to an extensively modified version of the BMW M3. BMW 3 Series cars stood out impressively from the competition wherever they competed. Victories in Germany – in the STW Cup, in England or Italy were everyday occurrences as were the successes in Asia, Australia and South America. However, all of this was outdone by a result in an event that has been a BMW domain for some time now – the long

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distance race. During the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring in 1998, a BMW 320d with a 200 hp turbo diesel engine achieved the rare feat of crossing the finishing line as overall winner.

The chase for victory in the World and European Touring Car Championships.

Also in the case of the fourth generation of the BMW 3 Series, the four-door sedan once again served as the basis for the racing versions designed to participate in touring and long distance events. In addition to many national championships, the European Touring Car Championship and, later, the World Championship were BMW's main focus of interest. Since 1999, the BMW Motorsport GmbH had been developing the BMW 320i powered by a four-valve in-line

six-cylinder engine, initially with approximately 200 (later more than 250) horsepower – a racing car that was to become a guarantee for success. 3 Series racing cars regularly supplied the Munich sports department with best driver and manufacturer rankings. 2005 saw a highlight of those years, with BMW winning the newly established World Touring Car Championship with the BMW 320i, the triumph being completed by Andy Priaulx, after BMW's Roberto Ravaglia the second World Touring Car champion in the history of motorsports. The second "weapon" based on the fourth generation of the BMW 3 Series was the BMW M3 GTR. BMW was highly successful with this high-carat racing car in long-distance races (including double victories in 2004 and 2005 in the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring), as well as in the American Le Mans Series.

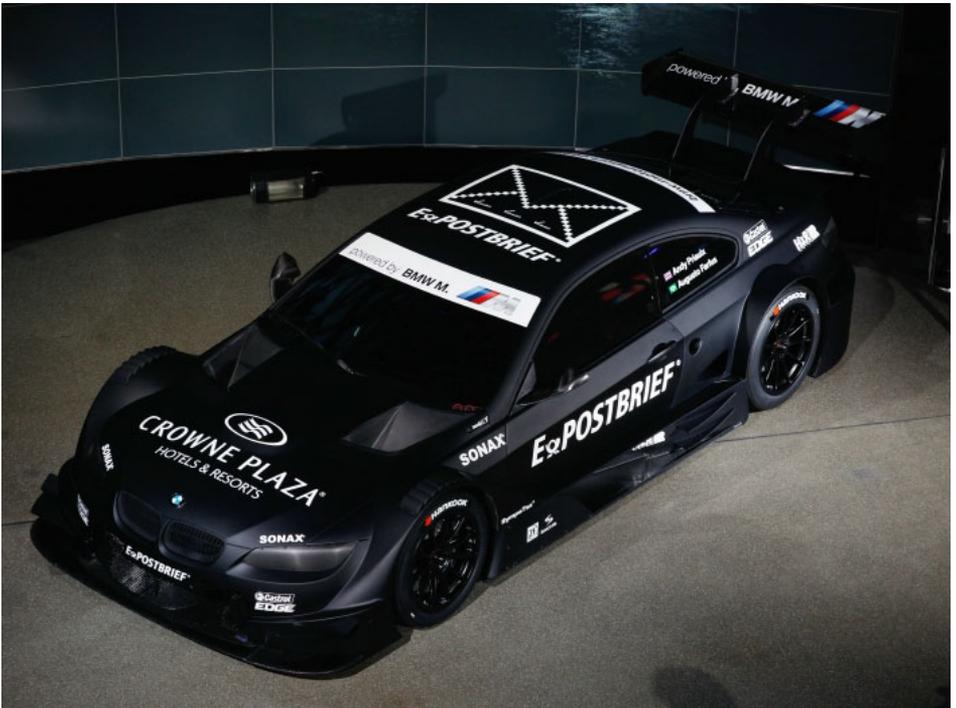


The future has already begun.

As in previous years, the latest and meanwhile fifth generation of the BMW 3 Series focused on the sedan and the BMW M3. Again, the schedule comprised the major touring car championships and long-distance races. The BMW 320si now featured a four-cylinder engine and for the international and national 24-hour classics BMW came up with something really big: The sporting achievements for the racing cars of this generation include the triumphs in the 24-hour race with the immensely powerful and extremely reliable BMW M3 GT2. Highlight: Overall winner of the Eifel Classic 2010, in which well over 200 competitors took part. Further sporting highlights: World Championship title in 2006 and 2007, second place at the Nürburgring in 2011, third place in the 24-hour race

at Le Mans and the 2010 manufacturer's title in the ALMS.

And the BMW 3 Series' future in big-time motorsports has already begun: From 2012, BMW will return to the German Touring Car Championship with three teams and the BMW M3 DTM. In mid July, the BMW M3 DTM Concept Car was presented in Munich to the world press. Technical data: CFRP monocoque construction with steel rollover structure, naturally aspirated 4-litre V8 engine with a maximum power output limited to 480 hp by means of an air restrictor. Acceleration from 0 to 100 km/h in around 3 seconds, top speed approximately 300 km/h. The first BMW works drivers have also been selected: multiple World Touring Car Champion Andy Priaulx (GB) and shooting star Augusto Farfus (BR).



Calendar of Tejas Chapter
and Related Events



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Date	Event	Meet Location
October 10-16, 2011	BMW CCA Oktoberfest 2011	Birmingham, AL
October 21-23, 2011	Annual Utopia Weekend see page 5	Boerne
November 19, 2011	Flat Creek Vineyard	Austin
December 2011	Annual Charity Event	TBD

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