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From The President

Utopia Weekend - Plan Now....

The month of October will bring my favorite event of the year - the Utopia Weekend. I am not alone in that feeling as many of our members mark this event on their calendars a year in advance.

For those of you that are not familiar with this event, a little history is appropriate. The Tejas Chapter has done this event every year since 1999, with the exception of 2003 when we hosted the BMW CCA Oktoberfest in Austin during October.

The first event in 1999 was organized by the Alfa Romeo club and they invited us to participate, because they didn't get many members to participate. They opened their club up to all Italian makes, so we had Ferraris, Fiats, Lamborghinis and Alfas. Even with opening up the event to all Italian cars, we overwhelmed them with twice as many BMWs as Italian cars, and we were cordially invited to NOT

participate the next year. As a result, we decided to do our own event and have been doing it ever since.

The Utopia Weekend got its name because the initial tour's destination was Utopia, Texas. Over the years the venue has changed, but the name stuck. Most of the Utopia Weekends have been exquisitely planned by John & Maria Swann who live in Kerrville and each year they seem to come up with bigger and better events. One year the event was planned by Sandy McConnell because the Swanns were out of the country.

This year, the Swanns are out of the country again - Jonna Clark and Brad Mitchell have very graciously agreed to plan the Utopia Weekend so we can keep the ritual going. Because they live in Boerne, an interesting change is that we will operate from Boerne instead of Kerrville this year. They have a great weekend planned - great drives, fantastic restaurants and a social time at their home - watch the web site for the details and RSVP form. You won't want to miss it!

Until next time ...

Glenn McConnell

Welcome New Members

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*Angela Ayoubi
Kino Ayoubi
James Bernstein
Howard Brown
Hap Campbell
Kathryn Davis
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Red Neck Wine Tour

Saturday, September 17, 2011

planned by Josh & Kathryn Butts

Meet at 8:30am: 365 Hwy 46 South, New Braunfels
(This is a big parking lot shared by a Chilis, a Shell station, and a La Quinta)

Drivers Meeting: 8:45am Depart: 9:00am

From New Braunfels, we'll head north along the river for a slow and scenic drive. Then we'll pick up the pace a bit and head northwest towards Blanco along the west side of Canyon lake before turning northward towards Johnson City.

Lunch will be at the newly opened Pecan Street Brewing in Johnson City.

The menu is available on their website (<http://pecanstreetbrewing.com/>), and their specialties are burgers and brick-oven pizzas. We'll have our pick of the whole menu, and we'll pay a-la-carte at the restaurant.



After lunch we'll take a short drive (roughly 30 minutes) to Hye, TX. Hye is the home of Garrison Brothers Distillery, "The Best Little Stillhouse in Texas", the first "legal" bourbon distillery in the state of Texas. We'll arrive slightly before 2:00pm for a tour of the distillery (lasts about 45 minutes).

Those who are interested will have the opportunity to taste "white dog" (whiskey right off the still). For those with more refined palettes, we'll also be able to have a sip of the finished product while enjoying the view from the barrel barn. The tour and tasting fee at Garrison Brothers is \$10 per car.

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



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 racegirl1330@yahoo.com, if you have a contact for a location in the Central Texas area.

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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.

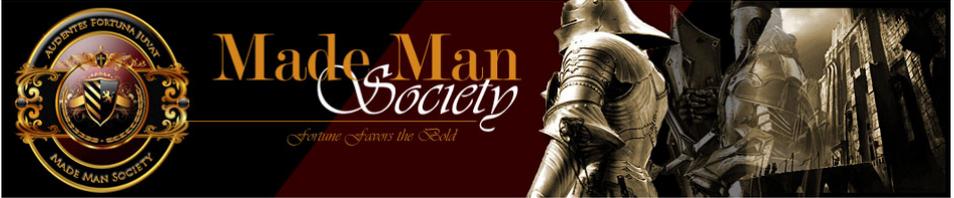
Activity	Points
Return Survey Form (form available on request or at website)	50
Attend a meeting or event	30
Organize a monthly event, (social/technical etc.)	100
Assist with a monthly event (credited by organizer)	50
Each new member recruited (credited by CCA)	30
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Original 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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2011 Incentive Points Challenge Leader Board As of August 27, 2011

<u>590 Pts</u>	<u>220 Pts</u>	Jack Laumer	Sergio Murillo	Tom Kolnowski
Alan Greene	Sridhar Kamma	Paul Miranda	Aldas Ridgley	Mike Krup
<u>575 Pts</u>	<u>210 Pts</u>	Brad Mitchell	Mike Van Shellenbeck	Ray Landry
Mike Sevel	Marco Cordon	Johnny Mitchell	Karl Van Shellenbeck	Bill Leisey
<u>510 Pts</u>	John Hughan	Lisa Moore	<u>50 Pts</u>	Margie Mann
Ken Carson	<u>200 Pts</u>	Gregg Peterson	Andre Denais	Marc Marshall
<u>480 Pts</u>	Josh Butts	Martie Peterson	Todd Maker	Mike McDougal
Paul Goldfine	Jay West	Steve Tatro	Brian Peterson	Blake McIntyre
<u>470 Pts</u>	<u>180 Pts</u>	<u>85 Pts</u>	Gina Silvestri Barker	David Meads
Herb Looney	Don Bishop	Steve Pedersen	Sandy Whitley	James Millard
<u>390 Pts</u>	<u>170 Pts</u>	<u>80 Pts</u>	<u>30 Pts</u>	Scott Mokry
Susan Yule	Bill Hoch	Joe Lamping	Mike Anderson	Clint Morgan
<u>380 Pts</u>	<u>150 Pts</u>	Jacy Legault	Craig Bennion	Dorothy Morgan
Roger Williams	Mohammed Abusalih	Larry Martin	Dawn Bissell	Ken Patton
<u>310 Pts</u>	Tom Dawson	<u>70 Pts</u>	Klaus Brown	Ken Rebers
Linda Cavazos	Philip Nybro	Tom Goodwin	Mark Brown	Dwight Richter
Connie Stried	<u>140 Pts</u>	<u>60 Pts</u>	Pierre Bulhon	Ron Romonosky
<u>300 Pts</u>	Tom Brown	Jose Alejo	Mike Byrd	John Russell
Eric Chang	<u>130 Pts</u>	Bob Ashenbrenner	James Casto	Wyatt Shanks
<u>290 Pts</u>	Jeff Conner	Daniel Briggs	Joel Dolisy	William Soja
Don Yule	<u>120 Pts</u>	Spencer Cubage	Steven Dortch	Duke Stevens
<u>280 Pts</u>	Rob Brown	Jan Greene	Timothy Doucette	John Swann
David Elyea	Jonna Clark	Pat Jamail	Ben Eckermann	Javier Torres
<u>250 Pts</u>	Gay Dawson	David Jurkowski	Tim Ehrhart	Christopher Tsay
Allan Gazza	Wendy Hoch	Bob Lewandowski	Lisa Foight	<u>20 Pts</u>
<u>240 Pts</u>	Carl Nybro	David Mann	Tad Goodwin	Kino Ayoubi
Linda Cook	Jim Shaw	Daniel Mazza	Bill Hayes	Derrick Houghton
Tim Cook	<u>90 Pts</u>	Brian McKinney	Antonio Jajou	
	Mary Lou Katchen	Shearon Mitchell	Christian Knaak	

2011 Incentive Points Challenge Rookies Leader Board
As of August 27, 2011

<u>23.31 Pts</u>	<u>9.86 Pts</u>	<u>5.98 Pts</u>	<u>3.35 Pts</u>	<u>2.82 Pts</u>
John Hughan	Jan Greene	Pat Jamail	Antonio Jajou	James Casto
<u>11.22 Pts</u>	<u>6.89 Pts</u>	<u>4.19 Pts</u>	<u>3.27 Pts</u>	
Lisa Moore	David Jurkowski	Mike McDougal	Kino Ayoubi	



NEW Z4 BARGAIN OR SCAM?

by Mike Sevel

So one evening I was browsing the net and came upon an intriguing auction. It was created by the MADE MAN SOCIETY of Vineland, NJ. MMS's auction was certainly perplexing, and possibly fraudulent. MMS stated that they are a christian-based group of former military retirees. They claim to have created a patent-pending auction process for luxury automobiles that has never been presented to the general public before. Here is how it purportedly works; MMS sells 300 memberships for \$245 each which results in revenue of \$73,500. With that amount, they will purchase a luxury car direct from a dealer. Then on a specified day, each of the 300 paid members are given a 24 hour period to bid on the luxury car. Given human nature, most people will give up once the bids reach 50% of the retail cost of the car. Whatever amount is realized with the final bid, the winner claims and pays for the car. MMS will earn the bid amount and (after costs) will donate the remainder

to a charity. They indicated that their designated charity is "My Little Lambs Orphanage" headquartered in Vineland, NJ. "Lambs" in turn supports an orphanage in Honduras. They are listed as a federal tax exempt entity with the number identification of EO-22-246-4086.

NOW IT GETS "BIMMER JUICY".

On one of their web sites they showed the results of the last three car auctions. In 2010 they auctioned a 3 series BMW four door and it was bid to only \$14,500! Wait...hold on to your hats ..the latest auction was for a 2012 Z4. MMS selected the top of the line sDrive35i.

It has a slew of options, twin turbo engine, blue exterior, cream color interior and automatic. They added the tax to the purchase price and it came in close to the \$73,500 collected by selling memberships. Now, we can only rely on their word that they sold the memberships and delivered the car to the highest bidder. So here is the unverified bottom line, the top bid was (hold on to your hats again) \$37,500!!! What would any of us pay for the same 2012 Z4? If we are lucky, we might shave a thousand or perhaps more off

the price. The \$37,500 amount is actually a 50% discount and we are talking about a new car with full manufacturers warranty and service by an authorized BMW dealer.

Now I am sure that you have many questions about this story so far. Some of your questions were asked by members of the BIMMERFEST FORUM including yours truly. If you would like to see the questions in more detail (and MMS's response) Google the forum and click on the E89 Z4 option and scroll down the messages until my entry appears with the title "BMW Z4 bargain or Bernie Madoff scam?"

A few of the forum comments are as follows:

How do we know that the car was awarded to the highest bidder? How do we know you actually purchased the car from an authorized BMW dealer?

If a winner is declared, is the winner an MMS employee or member of the employee's family?

Does the winner have to pay federal tax on the difference between the bid

amount and retail amount? Will MMS release the names of all auction winners for verification?

BOTTOM LINE

I have written this article for the readers edification. If you are curious enough to delve in to the next auction, just Google MADE MAN SOCIETY. The next auction for a luxury car will result, unverified, with a donation to the U.S.O. rather than the "Little Lambs" orphanage.

For those of you that have a legal background or are amateur sleuths, MMS's email address is management@mademansociety.com. Their mailing address is 1370 South Main Road, Vineland, NJ 08360. Let us know if you discover information that will either debunk or corroborate the veracity of the auction. Closing on a possible optimistic note, what are the odds that one of our members could participate in a future MMS auction and snag a luxury car for 50% less than we mere mortals pay? Good luck!

Follow the auction reported live on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) July 29, 2011 starting 9:00am EST.

300 WILL BATTLE, ONLY ONE WILL BE VICTORIOUS!

2012 BMW Z4 sDrive35i

You Can't Always Get What You Want...

by Alan Greene

Mick Jagger made that phrase very memorable in a song of the same name some years ago. It went on to say that “if you try real hard, you might just get what you need”...which sometimes amounts to the same thing (want vs. need, that is). Such is the case if you're in the market for a new BMW with the “big boy” transmission (6-speed manual for those of you with no sense of humor) and things done your way, not someone else's choice.

Back in December of 2010, Jan and I had decided that after driving a 1-series convertible several months before, and her returning to work in October of that same year, it was time for her to get something she wanted (and probably felt that she needed, as well). Off we went to BMW of Austin to see our friend and BMW Salesperson Dudley Alexander, who more or less gave us the run of the place to examine their stock of 1-series convertibles (all 3 of them). We had decided that it was going to be fun to drive, great looking, and reasonably priced. This pretty much set our minds on a 128i Cabrio with M-sport and manual transmission. But as you might expect, we couldn't get what we wanted, because they had nothing in stock with our desired options and nothing in their incoming stock either.

And so, with trepidation crackling in the air, we approached Dudley about...ORDERING a car built to our seemingly oddball specifications. He said there'd be no problem doing that and it would only take a couple

months, as in 8 to 10 weeks, and we could even track it via the BMW website once we got a production number. OK, no problem there...but I figured we better determine exactly what we wanted if we were going to have to wait for our personalized 1-series to be built by the Munich Magicians. Simple enough – just go to the BMW website, click on “build your own”, and start clicking on the choices.

You'd think that'd be simple enough, but there were colors for exterior, interior, and top, plus packages, options, and accessories, some of which were interconnected in that if you chose or declined one, it could affect whether or not you could get some of the other things you wanted (or needed, for that matter). For instance, if you wanted the M-sport package, you had less colors you could choose from, and that sort of narrowed down the interior choices as well. After several days and a lot of back-and-forth, we arrived at what we considered to be “our” car. The full-color illustrations (that change as you select options) were great for getting an idea of what it would look like and avoiding any of those “what WAS I thinking” moments at delivery time.

With the summary page from the website printed and in hand, we returned to the dealer and Dudley's office. He went over the choices, saw no conflicts, and then went about applying the late-December “incentives” and asked if we were going to trade Jan's Altima, to which we replied affirmatively, and we handed over the keys for the inevitable assessment and trade-in offer. The result was less than what we needed

to get for the car (of course), but there was another problem – if we DID decide to take their offer, they’d have to re-assess the trade value at the time of delivery, which could be as much two months or more away. And we all know what happens while time passes. Depreciation never sleeps, it seems.

So we decided to sell the car on our own. Simple, right? An ad in AutoTrader with a few pictures of its pristine condition and low mileage with a very reasonable price should do the trick in a matter of a week, maybe two. But then it dawned on us...how was Jan going to get to and from work every day if the car sold right away? Her commute from East Round Rock to North Austin wasn’t exactly bicycling or walking distance. Ah...since I work from home, she could just drive MY car. The Beast with Two Turbos and 400 Dinan-assisted horsepower. My spotless, undamaged, smells-like-Neimann’s (dept. store) inside, shift-it-yourself...well, you get the picture. Ticket bait, if there ever was any...

Fast forward a few weeks – the 128 is under construction, the Altima

sells, although there is now a shall we say, “keystone kops” adventure getting all the paperwork straight and into the hands of the buyers. Let me sum it up – I got my mind right, boss – I ain’t never gonna do that again! Those of you who remember Paul Newman’s words in the movie “Cool Hand Luke” can immediately identify with the earnestness of this statement. I do not recommend this unless you and your buyer go to the DMV and do the paperwork there. But of course – back to our theme here – if your car isn’t paid off, you have to wait for the finance folks to send you your title and release of lien. You begin to remember those old commercials where “when minutes seem like hours”.

Now, in between all this other flap, we had decided that the 128i’s M-sport 17” wheels and run-flats weren’t what we wanted. Because they had none in stock (1-series wheels are different from 3-series and not generally stocked by vendors), I had to order a set of Alufelgen 18” staggered-size wheels in Titanium

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Gunmetal on February 4. Keep that date in mind – delivery was promised not long after the car was to be delivered. More waiting.

I also decided to order a BMW Performance Exhaust for the 128i as well. I mean, if you're gonna LOOK sporty, you should SOUND sporty, right? The exhaust was the subject of an article in a previous issue of this publication by a club member who graciously assisted me in installing it and then beat me to the punch on publishing his own write-up on the project. Apparently he didn't believe in waiting...

It's the 1st week in March, and the Space Gray with Gray Leather M-Sport 128i Convertible with the "Moonlight Black" top had left Germany and arrived at the port after what seemed like weeks of waiting. Come to think of it, it HAD been weeks. The car's production was done in February and it then had to be transported to the shipping port, loaded on a boat, and then whisked across the Atlantic to its destination. Unfortunately, so were several hundred other cars on loaded-down transport ships, all of which arrived at once at said port. It literally took a week for the car to get off the boat, through the entry-port prep and onto a truck headed for the Lone Star State.

Then one day the call came. It was in. At the Dealer's. Unspoiled and ready to be presented. After a ride to the dealer's, then signing the papers, getting the walk-around and how-it-all-works spiel, it was time to take the new baby home. All is well,

and it's only taken 10 weeks. So far. Read on...

March passes, as does April, and then May. Still no wheels from the Alufelgen boys, who tell us that the wheels are in port, waiting for customs, then out of the port to the dealer's distribution point, where they are unpacked and re-packed for shipment. It is now nearly mid-June. Remember that date of Feb. 4? That's 4+ months' duration, longer than it took to have the car built, shipped, and delivered! Eventually, the doorbell rings and FedEx has four boxes at my doorstep. Now all I have to do is get the tires, which I placed order for some two weeks prior. They're at the shop, waiting for me to bring the wheels for mounting and balancing. Thankfully, my neighbor's pickup truck helped with the wheel-transport logistics.

Finally, nearly 6 months after the concept started to become a reality, we got a stubby radio antenna to replace the original whip and replaced the chrome "128i" badge on the trunk lid with a gloss-black copy. The windows had been tinted; the R2D2 and Garmin Nav wired in (no cigarette lighter plugs anywhere near the dash in a 128i), and we finally had both what we wanted (and needed, according to Jan). Are you tired of reading yet? Do you feel our pain? I remember hearing the nuns in Parochial School telling us how patience was a virtue...little did I know back then that some 50-odd years later, I'd finally learn the true meaning of that phrase. With apologies to Mr. Jagger, "you can't always get what you want, but if you wait long enough, you might just get it after all".

Fun in the Sun Review

by Ken Carson

Undoubtedly you've heard the struggles faced by fellow Tejas Chapter members who have worked diligently to plan a chapter event. Bookings fall through, routes change, and the resulting plan bears only a faint resemblance to the original. This process can take months. Imagine planning an event in only a matter of a couple of weeks! That is exactly what happened when I volunteered to help Allan Gazza plan the August event after it looked like there wouldn't be one. In just a little over two weeks, plans for the Fun in the Sun event were submitted, approved, and published on the website and chapter members began signing up.

Those attending found a day full of surprises. After our drivers' meeting at Barton Creek Mall in Austin, Allan led the thirty-plus fun-seekers on a surprising driving route



revealing some great curvy roads in and around Austin, Cedar Park, and Leander. Seventy-five minutes of driving through the beautiful hill country scenery led us to Liberty Hill where J.T. Fields of Highpoint Powder Coating was waiting to tell us about his media blasting and powder coating

processes.

Highpoint Powder Coating is located just north of Hwy. 29 on U.S. 183. The shop contained railings, outdoor furniture, car doors, bumpers, and engine parts, all composed of



various forms of metal. The "powder" is a dry form of paint about the same



consistency as talcum powder that is positively charged as it passes through the powder gun. It finds its home on the negatively-charged grounded metal (Remember opposites attract!) and then is literally baked in a 400 degree oven where the powder heats to a liquid. After cooling, the result is a very hard and durable coating. Powder coating comes in various textures, glosses, and many colors and can have metal flakes in it, just as metallic paints do. A year ago, J.T. powder coated my 325iC's valve cover

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August Fun
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Many thanks to Ken C
Many more great photos are a





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and intake manifold in a wrinkled black. They still look like they were



done yesterday.

Preparing the metal for powder coat is the other part of J.T.'s business. Even oil from your fingers can interfere with the powder coat bonding properly to the metal, so it is very important that any traces of other substances be removed first. Different blasting media are used for different jobs. Everyone has heard of sand blasting, but J.T. said they rarely use sand today because of environmental problems, especially those involving animals and humans contracting silicosis, a respiratory disease resulting from inhaling silica dust



(sand). He showed us various media including garnet, plastic beads, baking

soda, and even walnut shells! Surprised? Car restoration is very popular in Central Texas, and J.T. prefers baking soda when stripping metal on car bodies before painting. It won't pit the metal or heat it so much that the metal actually bends or stretches. Soda blasting was developed to help with the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. After soda blasting, a car body will look like it did when it was on the assembly line in the factory before it was painted. And because the surface isn't harmed, the restoration project may be immediately ready for paint, a huge savings in time and money! Surprised?

Maybe you'd be surprised that behind the shop we found a 1940's Lincoln Zephyr body, purportedly



owned by Jesse James, ready to be soda blasted. It seemed that all the men spent time in the hot sun more than once ogling the car. It will be a work of art when the build is finished. After thanking J.T. for an informative tech session, the group headed to what was for some, the biggest surprise of the day, the Dahlia Café in Liberty Hill. We were promptly seated and served drinks, orders were taken (Allan had thoughtfully given everyone a menu at the drivers'

meeting), and before we knew it, plates of delicious home cooked food were being placed in front of us.



Chicken fried steak with Jalapeno cream gravy, meat loaf, chicken livers, delicious sandwiches, burgers, and salads were enjoyed by all. I thoroughly enjoyed my bun-less cheeseburger salad. I've never had anything like it! Some in our group couldn't help but order a homemade dessert from the daily chalk board. The staff was friendly and kept our glasses filled the entire time. Who knew that such a wonderful restaurant existed in Liberty Hill? And they even have live music on the weekends.

After the dishes were cleared away, we headed west on Hwy. 29. Just past Burnet, a left turn onto a Farm to Market road turned into a county road with wonderful twisties to exercise our Bimmers' suspensions. We turned into Perissos Vineyard and Winery, winding our way through lush, green vines, clearly marked with the varietal names, to a large stone barn that contained the tasting room/work room, barrel room, and housed the owner's family upstairs. The manager, Ray, led us to the barrel room with picnic tables. Here we tasted the delicious wines; all but one was made from grapes grown right there on the vineyard.

Seth, the owner and winemaker,

came in and greeted us. He told us that he had found the word *perissos* (pear i sos) during a Bible study. It means **“exceedingly abundantly, beyond what is expected, imagined, or hoped for.”** After the tasting, Seth led the remaining group into the vineyard, where we tasted grapes off the vine. Seth talked about the importance of the soil and climate for the vineyard's success. He revealed



that lack of rain meant this year's harvest resulted in only half the grapes when compared to last year. He showed us the “test” section of the vineyard, where they continually experiment with different varietals of grapes to see if they can be successfully grown. We then saw the wine making equipment and learned how it was used. He was a great host, and even though the tasting room was very busy, he spent time with us and answered our many questions. Many in our group walked to their cars with bottles of their favorite wines and a better understanding of how those bottles were filled.

Hopefully everyone journeyed homeward dwelling on the many surprises encountered during the day. We can all look forward to the surprises the next event will have in store.

BMW i.
BORN ELECTRIC.



Two vehicles, two drive concepts

The BMW i3 Concept and the BMW i8 Concept, with their highly innovative and efficient drive systems, demonstrate how future mobility can be both sustainable and dynamic. While the BMW i3 Concept is an all-electric vehicle and therefore optimally equipped for operation around town, the plug-in hybrid BMW i8 Concept combines its electric motor with an internal combustion engine to deliver a high level of performance.

All-electric – the BMW i3 Concept

The electric motor of the BMW i3 Concept is designed primarily for operation in an urban environment, developing 125 kW/170 hp, with peak torque of 250 Nm (184 lb-ft). Typically of an electric motor, maximum torque is developed from

standstill, in contrast to an internal combustion engine where torque increases with engine rpm. This makes the BMW i3 Concept highly agile and provides impressive acceleration. The BMW i3 Concept accomplishes 0-60 km/h (37 mph) in under four seconds and 0-100 km/h (62 mph) in under eight seconds.

At the same time the abundant torque is delivered over a very large rpm range, resulting in very smooth power delivery. The single-speed gearbox provides optimal power transmission to the rear wheels and accelerates the BMW i3 Concept to an electronically governed 150 km/h (93 mph) without loss of power. The electric drive also allows for deceleration by means of the accelerator pedal. After the driver eases up on the accelerator, the electric motor acts as a generator, converting the kinetic energy into electricity which is then fed back into

the battery. Energy recuperation generates a braking effect which makes a significant contribution to vehicle deceleration.

A coasting facility makes this unique “single-pedal control” of acceleration and braking using just the accelerator even more user-friendly. When the driver eases off the pedal, the electric motor’s zero torque control keeps the drive train disconnected as long as the pedal is in this position. The vehicle now coasts without consuming power, driven by its own kinetic energy.



Compact and powerful – the electric motor.

The electric motor of the BMW i3 Concept not only offers attractive driveability; its innovative nature is particularly evident in the favourable power-to-size ratio. As a result of continuous development and refinement, the space requirements of the electric motor used in the BMW i3 Concept have been reduced by 40 per cent compared with the motor used in the MINI E. This compact drive unit is mounted over the rear axle, together with the power electronics, transmission and differential, and does not intrude into the interior. The power needed to drive the vehicle and to operate all other vehicle functions is supplied by specially developed

lithium-ion battery cells. The BMW i3 Concept’s battery system has undergone detailed optimisation



which significantly reduces the extent to which external factors can influence the vehicle’s power. Furthermore, an intelligent heating/cooling system keeps the battery at its optimal operating temperature at all times, which helps to significantly boost the performance and life expectancy of the cells.



The battery can be fully recharged in six hours at a standard power socket. If a high-speed charger is used, an 80 per cent charge can be achieved in just one hour.

Range extender increases the driving range.

As the MINI E field tests showed, 90 per cent of the mobility requirements of the pilot users could be met with the range of the MINI E.

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However, some customers want a longer driving range, or want their vehicle to be as flexible as possible. The BMW i3 Concept therefore offers an optional range extender, the REX, which allows the driving range to be increased. REX, a small, very smooth-running and quiet petrol engine, drives a generator which maintains the battery charge level to ensure that the vehicle can continue to run on electric power.

Best of both worlds – the BMW i8 Concept

The i8 Concept combines the advantages of two different drive systems. As a plug-in hybrid it reaps the benefits of an electric motor and

an internal combustion engine for maximum efficiency with maximum dynamics. At the front axle is the electric motor adopted from the BMW i3 Concept and modified for use in the BMW i8 Concept's hybrid power train, while a 164 kW/220 hp turbocharged three-cylinder petrol engine developing up to 300 Nm (221



lb-ft) of torque drives the rear axle. Together, the two drive units take the vehicle to a governed top speed of 250

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km/h (155 mph). Like the electric motor, the 1.5-litre three-cylinder petrol engine was developed entirely in-house by the BMW Group and represents the latest state of the art in conventional engine design. Acceleration of 0 to 100 km/h (62 mph) in under five seconds combined with fuel consumption in the European cycle of under three litres per 100 kilometres (approx. 94 mpg imp) are figures currently beyond the capability of any vehicle powered by a combustion engine of comparable performance. Depending on charging habits and the nature of the route, it is even possible to improve on these figures.

The hybrid concept means that the BMW i8 Concept can also run purely on electric power. The energy supplied by the application-designed battery system installed between the front and rear axle modules to the electric motor at the front axle gives the BMW i8

Concept an all-electric driving range of approximately 35 kilometres (20 miles). The battery can be fully recharged in two hours at a standard power socket.

Driving dynamics.

Thanks to the two drive systems, all four wheels of the BMW i8 Concept can be driven at the same time, similarly to an all-wheel-drive vehicle. This solution combines the advantages of front-wheel drive, rear-wheel drive and all-wheel drive to ensure the optimal dynamic drive configuration as required. Depending on traction conditions and driving situation, intelligent dynamic driving systems ensure maximum energy recuperation without compromising dynamics and stability. This allows very high levels of energy recuperation even in the wet or in snow.



Even more sportiness and individuality for the BMW X5 and BMW X6

Additional equipment options, new exterior colours and an expanded choice of light alloy wheels will add even more sportiness to the exclusive look and sheer driving pleasure of the BMW X5



and BMW X6 in the autumn of 2011. Appealing refinements in the exterior and interior design of both models will be possible due to the enhanced range of options offered by the BMW Individual programme. In addition, both the Sports Activity Vehicle and the Sports Activity Coupe will be available as Exclusive Edition models, offering customers an exclusive choice of unique options and materials enabling them to configure their BMW with an

unmistakable personal touch. In the autumn of 2011, the BMW X5 xDrive30d will also be available with BMW BluePerformance technology and will fully meet all of the requirements of the EU6 exhaust emissions standard.

The latest additions to the range of optional equipment and the BMW Individual package will be introduced simultaneously for the BMW X5 and the BMW X6. For example, Citrine Black Metallic will be added to the choice of exclusive BMW Individual exterior colours. Furthermore, door sill finishers will feature the BMW Individual designation. These finishers will be



included in the BMW Individual composition package that will be available for both models. The BMW Individual interior trim sets distinctive new accents with its black patterned leather. BMW Individual extended



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Merino leather trim is also now available in Amaro Brown. For even more driving excitement, the BMW X5 Sport Package



includes the new M leather steering wheel with integrated gearshift paddles.

Also in the autumn of 2011, both the BMW X5 and BMW X6 will be available as Exclusive Edition models for the first time. These models feature the unmistakable combination of sport and luxury that is reflected in the premium character of the design, technology and features that intensify the unique driving experience of the BMW X Series. The distinctive look of the BMW X5 and BMW X6 Exclusive Edition is immediately apparent in the exterior finishes Platinum Bronze Metallic (BMW X5) and Mineral Silver Metallic (BMW X6), plus the front door sill finishers featuring the BMW Edition designation and the rear sills bearing the BMW lettering on the BMW X5. The exclusive ambience of the interior is further enhanced with the BMW Individual headliner in Anthracite, the fine wood trim in dark Bamboo grain, plus black floor mats with oyster-coloured edging. The front sport seats upholstered in Nevada leather Oyster with black contrasting seams add a unique touch that rounds out the overall appeal of the interior. In the Exclusive Edition, these seats feature heating and electric seat adjustment for maximum

comfort. Another additional option for the Exclusive Edition are new 20-inch light alloy wheels with Y spoke styling.

With their remarkable and sporty agility and handling characteristics, the BMW X5 and BMW X6 offer a unique experience that is typical of BMW performance and driving pleasure. Impressive acceleration and responsive high-revving engines, the eight-speed automatic transmission and the intelligent BMW xDrive four-wheel drive system enhance the dynamic driving experience. These features not only optimise agility and driving comfort, they also ensure excellent traction along with superb handling and stability under the most challenging weather and road conditions. What's more, despite their high-performance characteristics, these models make no compromises when it comes to efficiency. The BMW X5 xDrive30d and BMW X6 xDrive30d models are truly impressive when equipped with the 180 kW/245 hp inline six-cylinder diesel engine, giving each of them an EU test



cycle average fuel consumption rating of 7.4 litres and a CO2 rating of 195 grams per kilometre.

These outstanding consumption and emission figures can be enhanced further with an additional innovative emission control technology. In the autumn of

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BMW X5 and BMW X6

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2011, the BMW X5 xDrive30d will also be available with BMW BluePerformance technology to further reduce the emission of nitrogen oxides (NOx). This is possible with the standard



diesel particulate filter used in conjunction with the Diesel Oxidation Catalyst (DOC) and the AdBlue-system.

Thus vehicles equipped with this technology already meet the requirements of the EU6 emission standard that takes effect in 2014. The optimized emission technology does not impact the performance of the BMW X5 xDrive30d, and its average fuel consumption is a respectable 7.5 litres per 100 kilometres (CO2 emission: 198 g/km).



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October 10-16, 2011	BMW CCA Oktoberfest 2011	Birmingham, AL
October 21-23, 2011	Annual Utopia Weekend see page 3	Boerne
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