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From The President

Welcoming a new family member

With a pretty full page of new members in this issue, I didn't have a lot of space for the column. Figured I would just make it a short personal note.

On August 22, another phase of our life began as we got a new family member. It had been an eternity coming - at least it seemed like it to me! Now after 6 long months, our new M4 is home.

In February, we put our name on the waiting list for an M4. Then in April, the dealer called and wanted our order specifications so we could order.. But it was a long time out, as the dealer allocation that we got did not have a

build date until July!! This was April and they weren't going to build it until July?!? That's a looong time! Well, that time drug by and finally, the day before my birthday, the build was complete. How did I know that? I had been tracking it's every move from the day we ordered it.

Now that the car was built, the wait seemed even longer. Tracking continued. In the port almost a week waiting for a ship ... aarrgh! Ship only travels at 20 knots across the Atlantic. Do you know how big the Atlantic is? Then a week a the VPC in Brunswick. Then on August 18th, BMW said it was at the dealer and the dealer said it wasn't. Aarrgh, again. Well, it really was at the dealer and now, 6 months later, it is home. What? I can't really drive it until it has 1200 miles? Aarrgh!!!

Until next time

Glenn McConnell

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Classics & Wienerschnitzel

Saturday, September 27, 2014

Planned by Scott Bowman

Start Time: 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Location: The format for visiting Jeff's Resurrections in Taylor is an open house and we will begin the day here. Depending on your interest in car and motorcycle restorations, arrive anytime between 9:00 and 10:30. The quality of work being done by Jeff's craftsmen and the attention to detail is something you just have to see in person! Allow time to browse and ask questions.

Drivers Meeting: 10:45 a.m.

Leave Jeff's: 11:00 a.m.



There will be a short 46 minute drive through farm land country and across the Granger Lake dam overlooking this U.S. Army Corp of Engineers lake and parkland. Maps for the suggested drive will be available at the driver's meeting



Lunch will be in Walburg at the world-famous Walburg German Restaurant. We have a reservation at noon for the upstairs Banquet Hall, which can accommodate 60 people. Lunch will be the Saturday lunch buffet at a cost of \$11.99 plus tax and gratuity. Reservations are required (no later than September 23rd please!) and you may pay your wait person directly for your meal.

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Annual Utopia Weekend

Friday - Sunday, October 17-19

Planned by **Jonna Clark & Brad Mitchell**

Participate either day as a single event or join us for the whole weekend (separate Incentive Points for each day)



Friday, October 17th:

The weekend will begin at Jonna & Brad's home for a Friday evening social from 6:00 to 8:00pm. A light dinner with small sandwiches, veggie tray, tea & soft drinks will be provided. BYO your favorite adult beverage if you like. Directions to J&B's will be emailed to participants before the event. For a list of Boerne accommodations, please see the Tejas website or go to http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g55505-Boerne_Texas-Hotels.html

Saturday, October 18th:

- Meet on the main square in Boerne at **8:30 am to depart at 9:00 am**. There are public restrooms there, and it's also close to a couple of the quaint hotels.

- Morning drive via back roads to Utopia

- Lunch on Saturday will be at the Laurel Tree in Utopia, a French gourmet restaurant where we will be served a delightful four course Le Cordon Bleu meal. Lunch includes an appetizer, soup, choice of two main courses, dessert, iced tea, or coffee. **The cost is \$28 per person** (tax and tip included). The LT accepts cash (preferred), checks or credit cards.



- Dinner Saturday evening will be a casual mill-around event at Soda Pops & the Sugar Shack. Located at the corner of Main Street & E. San Antonio Ave. across from



the main square, Soda Pops is a burger & sandwich shop that is a retro 50s style place. Next door is the Sugar Shack, a 50s style soda fountain specializing in decadent homemade ice cream sandwiches, delicious banana splits, hand dipped Blue Bell ice cream, retro bottled sodas, savory coffee bar, and homemade cookies!

Sunday, October 20th:

- Meet on the main square in **Boerne at 9:15 am to depart at 9:30am** another great drive ending at a lunch at a place TBD.



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BMW CCA Oktoberfest 2014

Beaver Creek Colorado

by Dan McLaughlin

It was a Thursday evening and we were exhausted from just having moved into our new home. The moving and emptying of boxes. The placing of furniture and arranging a brand new kitchen. You'd think I would have fallen asleep as soon as the sun set but no.... I had to get up in the morning and pack my suitcase, load the car and meet fellow chapter member Marco Cordon at 9 AM in Cedar Park. Were we excited to hit the road? Yes!!! We were on our way to Beaver Creek Colorado for the 45th Annual BMW CCA O'fest.

Marco and I met at the gas station on FM 1431. Marco with his E92 M3 and my E39 M5, with a full tank of gas and tire pressures all set, we headed north to the town of Glen Rose, Texas to meet the convoy out of Houston, the Road Monkeys. We had lunch at Riverhouse Grill and then, with a lineup of 15 BMW's, hit the back roads to Medicine Park, OK for our first night's layover. The second day we headed through the Witchata Mountains and after a lunch stop for BBQ in Dalhart Texas, continued westward on to Taos, New Mexico for our next overnight stop at the Taos Inn. Monday we broke up into 3 groups all departing at different times and headed north into Colorado. Some of the mountain and canyon roads were just stunning and our Bimmers just ate up the asphalt!

Arriving in Beaver Creek Monday afternoon, we went off in search of our

hotels. The number of attendees at this years O'fest, about 700, necessitated the use of four different hotels within the Beaver Creek Resort. Once settled in we headed in the the main host hotel to hit registration, see some vendors and grab a cocktail or two before dinner sponsored by BMW Colorado..

Tuesday morning I headed out early to hit the bank, get some gas and a car wash. The bugs on the front of The Beast needed removal besides just the regular road grime. Tuesday is concours day at O'fest and though I was only "Display", we all want to



look spiffy. You couldn't have asked for a nicer day. Temps in the 70's and bright sunshine, the dozens of bimmers were parked on the resort golf course. Everything from a late 1930's 507, 3.0CSI's, 2002tii's all the way thru the E30's, E36's, E39's and E46's. Add in Art's Lime Rock Edition M3, Satch Carlson's Z4, a Z8 and one of the original Z1's. ... wow! What a



collection rarely seen. On the golf course, the contestants were playing for charity benefitting the BMW CCA Foundation. There was one big surprise available on the links that day. A “hole in one” prize of a brand new BMW i8 hybrid sportscar. Alas no



one made it though one person came close. 12' close!

After the concours we headed back up to the meeting hall for the TSD rally briefing. A lot to take in for newbies but a drive anywhere in these mountains is worth it. Hanging around the main hall afterwards, we took the time to chat with some of the vendors and try our hand at iRacing consoles before dinner.

Wednesday we got up early, got our TSD packets and lined up to start. We were car number 25 so we started at 8:25 AM and hit the road. With Marco behind the wheel and me in the navigator's seat, we wound our way through the back roads of Colorado. We ran in C class, which means seat of your pants driving with crossed fingers. No rally computers or GPS. At the end of the day we placed 25th out of 37 drivers. We didn't do well but we weren't last! Lunch that day was at Kessler Canyon Ranch. From the ending point of the TSD and Road rally, it was another ½ hr drive and

then an old school bus ride up 4.5 miles of a gravel road to a beautiful spot far from civilization. The grounds of Kessler Ranch are just stunning with a small lake for fishing, open fields for horses and a large manor house all nestled in the Colorado Mountains. Heading back, we were too late to join the others, but many people took their rides to The Bimmers on Broadway car show on the streets of Eagle, Colorado

Thursday was day one of AutoXing. With so many M's competing, us M5 guys ran Thursday instead of Friday. The day was fun seeing many of the old bimmers doing so well including a 3.0CSL and a few 2002tii's. Competition was tough in every group, and tho very rusty, I managed to take 3rd place in class.

Friday was just a fun day. Marco had to leave early so he gave me his ticket to the Razor Off Road Trek. About three dozen of us headed off early in the morning into the mountains to White River National Forest. There we signed the wavier, got our helmets and listened to the orientation of our ATV machines. We



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then headed out in three different groups into the Colorado Mountains. We visited several sites including the training grounds for the Army's 10th Mountain Division. We also had a long stop up on the side of one mountain about 11,000 feet above sea level. Watch out! We had snowballs! After



that we headed back to base camp for a lovely lunch and ride back to the hotel. Dusty and dirty we headed to the showers to clean up. I then ran down to the autoX lot where Mike Renner from the BMW Performance Center was giving drifting lessons in the brand new M4. Well lets just say I



stink at drifting but I got to drive it. Plus I got to sit in the new hybrid i8. After all that fun I got the chance to relax and rest up for the BMW NA

Awards Banquet.

The dinner is the ending highlight of the week. Awards are given out for



all the competitions that took place that week. The final drawings in the Car of Your Dreams are announced and there is the keynote speaker. This year was none other than Indy 500 winner and RLL team racing owner Bobby Rahal. The final announcement of the evening is always, "Where is Oktoberfest next year?". September at the New Jersey Shore! The evening ended with many "nice seeing you again!" and "safe travels home" goodbyes.

Saturday began the long trek back home. I hooked up with several local chapter members as we said auf wiedersehen to the Colorado Mountains headed south to New Mexico and then east towards Texas. After an overnight in Lubbock we made our final leg home.

It is good to be home, in our new home, but we count the days to next years O'Fest. It's a long drive but it's worth the miles. If you are thinking of going next year, do it! The host hotel is The Stockton Seaview Hotel, just minutes from Atlantic City and about an hour from Philadelphia. And there is a track for us HPDE junkies. New Jersey Motorsports Park featuring two different tracks, Thunderbolt and Lightning.

See ya'll in the convoy!

The Wimberley Summer Experience

by Linda Cavazos

The July event was a difficult event to plan since the weather can be unpredictable, i.e. warm, hot or really hot. I love my air conditioned car and doing long curvy drives, but if the weather is really hot, even air condition is not enough. I also had to be considerate of those with convertibles. I had originally planned a long drive with curvy roads, a couple of pit stops, and then having lunch at a beefy burger place. It did not have the personnel interactive element, so the decision was made to use the July event as a time to learn new things and to catch up with friends. A lot of conversation time was woven into the schedule as the event evolved into “The Wimberley Summer Experience.”

The meeting point was an H.E.B parking lot in San Marcos that can be



tricky to get to depending on which direction you arrive from. I was anxious to start the event on time and as a result I was 45 minutes early. I used the time to plot out our exit path, since the parking lot is tricky and gets busy at 9:30am. As it turns out Josh

and Katherine were also early, so we were able to catch up. Everyone started to arrive at 9 am and we were all able to say hello and greet the new comers. We all specifically drooled over the 650i that joined our group that day.



After everyone was checked in, directions given out, and waivers signed, the group proceeded to make the slow scenic drive through San Marcos up “old ranch road 12” to the new ranch road 12. Our 1st stop in our plan to experience Wimberley was Wimberley Glassworks on ranch road 12. This unique building stands out with its yellow corned tower entry way



surrounded by grassy areas with a backdrop of trees. The buildings décor features the many beautiful colorful glass blown pieces they create on site such as humming bird feeders, paper weights, vases, bowls, plates,

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The Wimberley Summer Experience

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chandeliers, outdoor lighting...the list is endless. We all had the opportunity to sit and watch a glass blowing demonstration that included the dry witty commentary from the owner



himself as he explained the history of glass blowing and how it has evolved. It was a good thing we were there for the 1st demonstration since the room was going to get hotter as the



temperature got hotter through the day.

Several weeks before the event, I had talked with one of the glass blowing designers about creating a piece that would have the "roundel blue and white" for the coloring. The suggestion was to create one of their standard pieces called a Tornado bowl. Typically one

transparent color is used for the tornado bowl, so the designer took it as a challenge to still stick with one color, but use the non-transparent blue that matched the roundel blue. As a result, it was a beautiful masterpiece and their entire staff was amazed with the outcome. The roundel blue Tornado bowl was a wonderful door prize for those attending the event. At the end of



the glass blowing demonstration, we were able to pull a lucky ticket out of a bag. Herb Looney was the holder of that lucky ticket.

We spent another 30 minutes at Wimberley Glassworks shopping and enjoying each other's company in the well air-conditioned showroom. During this time, several people also went outside to drool over the i3 that joined our group. We did finally have to get in our cars and make the drive through Wimberley downtown and out to Linda's Fine Foods Restaurant and Catering. This restaurant is a converted house that is situated on a slight hill. Their cuisine is international comfort food and we had all pre-selected our lunch from 3 options. Our sitting was al fresco under large oak trees.

The day ended with some people going back to downtown Wimberley for shopping, wine tasting, and enjoying the scenery. Overall, it was a great way to enjoy each other's company and some of what Wimberley has to offer.



Wine Tour & Hawaiian Luau

by Linda Cavazos

It was time to have another Wine Tour in 2014, but with a Hawaiian Luau twist. The August Wine Tour and Hawaiian Luau event started at the usual time of 9 am on an unusually cool Saturday for the time of year. Everyone gathered at the parking lot in front of Gatti's at the "Y" in Oakhill. Several people dressed in traditional



casual Hawaiian attire of button down shirts and dresses that were fun, vibrant, and multi-colored. Colorful lei's were provided to those that wanted one to match



their attire.

After the drivers meeting, we all jumped into our cars to get the driving started. The first part of the drive took us through several street lights along hwy 290 heading in order to reach our fun driving experience destination of Fitzhugh road. Since I was the leader of the long train of over 20 cars, I took Fitzhugh road a little

slow in order for all the cars to catch up. The long line was a sight to see in my rear view mirror while driving on the curves



and hills to our 1st destination. Along the way, one of our fellow drivers was planning to pick up friends at the intersection of hwy 12 and Fitzhugh road. As I came up to the intersection, I saw two people crossing the road in Hawaiian attire and I knew it was them. I gave them a friendly wave and continued driving by.

To reach our first destination of Bell Springs Winery in Dripping Springs, we had to leave Fitzhugh road for a road with more curves, but a 20 mph speed limit. The sign for Bell Springs road was small



and could easily be missed. As we made our way along the road, we went under a beautiful canopy of trees, across a one lane bridge, and behind two cyclists. At the winery, we were guided to the outdoor patio area under the cover of large trees. It was a great conversational area as the server brought out each of our wine

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Wine Tour & ...
August
Many thanks to
Many more great photos are a





Hawaiian Luau
June 16, 2014
Linda Cavzos
Available on the chapter website



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tastings. The range of wines from sweet to dry and white to red was great. Towards the end of our tasting, we were all getting



a little warm as the temperatures started rising. We decided to get back in our cars for the last leg of the drive to reach our final destination of Woodrose Winery in Stonewell for more wine tasting and a Hawaiian Luau lunch. Our drive took us back on the curvy Fitzhugh road heading towards Johnson City where we switched onto Hwy 290. The drive on Hwy 290



was mostly a straight line, but we had to maneuver around traffic to keep us all together and driving the speed limit in either the right or left lane.

When we arrived at Woodrose Winery, we were able to find easy parking, stretch our legs, and make our way to their Dance Hall for our tasting and lunch. We had a reserved indoor seating area with

much welcomed air condition. The server brought each of the wines to us as we



enjoyed each other's company. The wines in our tasting flight were from all Texas grapes that ranged from whites to reds and with an option to choose between sweet or dry for a couple of them. Everyone enjoyed the great wines and the ambiance.

A traditional Hawaiian Luau has Kalua Pig which is a whole pig roasted in a hole in the ground wrapped in banana leaves for several days. Since we were a small group of 40 people, the winery chef decided to cook several pork roasts in banana leaves in their large 3 chamber smoker for over 20 hours. The Shovv Chicken was marinated in soy sauce and spices and then slow cooked for a few hours. The two side dishes of Lomi Lomi



Salmon and Hawaiian Macaroni Salad were delicious and are favorites to have at a luau. The meal ended on a sweet coconut desert called Haupian.

The August event was a great way to end the summer with a fun drive, wine tour, and Hawaiian Luau.

BMW M4 Convertible

BMW Press Club

The arrival of the new BMW M4 Convertible (fuel consumption combined: 9.1–8.7 l/100 km [31–32.5 mpg imp]; CO2 emissions combined: 213–203 g/km) sees BMW M GmbH making another alluring addition to its legendary high-performance sports car line-up. The new M4 Convertible replicates the performance figures of the new BMW M3 Sedan (fuel consumption combined: 8.8–8.3 l/100 km [32.1–34.0 mpg imp]; CO2 emissions combined: 204–194 g/km) and the new BMW M4 Coupe (fuel consumption combined: 8.8–8.3 l/100 km [32.1–34.0 mpg imp]; CO2 emissions combined: 204–194 g/km), but emphasises its stylish and distinctive appearance through its individual character and places the fascination of sporty and dynamic open-top driving at centre stage. The new model finds BMW M GmbH

drawing inspiration from a long tradition: BMW's high-performance sports car for track and road is entering its fifth generation in open-top form with this new chapter in its history headed "M4 Convertible".

The BMW M4 Convertible shares the elegant lines of its open-top 4 Series siblings. Its design language allows it to skilfully blend a distinctive and graceful silhouette boasting finely balanced proportions when the roof is open with an exceptionally dynamic coupe line, shorn off B-pillars, with the hardtop closed. At the same time, the M4 Convertible's styling cues – including a signature power dome for the bonnet, eye-catching exterior mirrors in twinstalk style and flared front and rear wheel arches bulging over forged lightalloy wheels with mixed tyres in 18-inch (optional 19-inch) format – all identify it clearly as a member of the

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BMW M3/M4 model family.

Powering the BMW M4 Convertible is the newly developed six-cylinder in-line engine with M TwinPower Turbo technology and high-revving character already familiar from the M3 Sedan and M4 Coupe. The power unit generates maximum output of 317 kW/431 hp from its 3.0-litre displacement and serves up peak torque of 550 Newton metres (406 lb-ft) across a wide rev band. The BMW M4 Convertible therefore offers the driver not only exceptionally sporty performance attributes – the sprint from 0 to 100 km/h (62 mph) takes just 4.4 seconds (with the optional seven-speed M Double Clutch Transmission) – but also sufficient reserves of power to cruise along in relaxed but rapid style with the roof down.

Like the BMW M3 Sedan and BMW M4 Coupe, the BMW M4 Convertible also displays a strict adherence to the intelligent lightweight construction principle. For example, the bonnet and front side panels are made from aluminium, as are many components of the high-performance chassis. Added to which, ultra-lightweight and – thanks to its hugely impressive rigidity – also extremely durable carbon-fibre-reinforced plastic (CFRP) is employed in many areas of the new M4 Convertible. The drive shaft is one example, the use of CFRP allowing it to be constructed as a single-piece unit. This makes for a significant weight saving and a reduction in rotating masses. The CFRP precision strut in the engine compartment, meanwhile, weighs only 1.5 kilograms yet offers rigidity superior to that of a comparable aluminium component. It therefore plays a key part in the car's



excellent steering response and precision.

The three-section folding metal roof of the BMW M4 Convertible has



full interior lining and represents a compelling proposition with its excellent soundproofing and winter-proof construction. The roof opens at the touch of a button in under 20 seconds – while travelling at up to 18 km/h (11 mph), if required.

Complementing its already

extensive standard specification, the new BMW M4 Convertible can also be ordered with a wealth of attractive options to further enhance its aesthetic



appeal, dynamic prowess and comfort levels. And for that distinctive personal touch, the exclusive BMW Individual range of equipment offers the prospect of a unique driving experience. Special colours and materials can be fine-tuned to the driver's wishes.



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To encourage participation, the successful Incentive Points Challenge began in 1998. The members who earn the highest number of points by the end of the year (up to 10th place) receive valuable prizes at the Post-Holiday Party in January 2015. The Rookie of the Year award is for the member that joined in the current year and earns Rookie Points based on points earned divided by the time as a member during the year.

Activity	Points
Return Survey Form (form available on request or at website)	50
Attend a meeting or event	30
Organize a monthly event, (social/technical etc.)	100
Assist with a monthly event (credited by organizer)	50
Each new member recruited (credited by CCA)	30
Original photo(s) published in the Trax (30 pts max/issue)	10
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John Hughan	Sridhar Kamma	110 Pts	Richard Ballinger
450 Pts	170 Pts	Randy Allen III	John Beneat
Ken Carson	Steve Tatro	90 Pts	Darrin Bostow
410 Pts	Don Yule	Joaquin Aviles	Greg Donsbach
Jonna Clark	160 Pts	Kathryn Butts	Wayne Eltringham
390 Pts	Louis Wyler	Armando DiMeo	Mollie Francis
Herb Looney	150 Pts	Jason Echols	Bob Heimann
370 Pts	John Price	Sandra Kennedy	Ken Hollins
Josh Butts	Roger Williams	Brad Mitchell	Terry Jones
310 Pts	140 Pts	Terry Rawlins	Jeff Kirk
Mike Sevel	Randy Allen	Robert Salzman	Joe Lupo
280 Pts	Tom Brown	Terry Sayther	Al Ridgley
Mary Beth Cordon	Brenya Buchalski	Connie Stried	Diana Salzman
240 Pts	130 Pts	Daniel Vu	50 Pts
Tom Dawson	Daniel Briggs	Jay West	John Batterton
Philip Nybro	Brian McKinney	Paul Wilson	

Note: Only those with 50 or more points are shown - currently there are 188 members with Incentive Challenge points.

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		Randolph Allen	

Note: Only the top 5 are shown - currently there are 40 members with Rookie points.

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BMW 2 Series Active Tourer

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The launch of the BMW 2 Series Active Tourer sees BMW bringing the functionality of space and comfort, combined with hallmark BMW dynamics, style and elegance, to the premium compact class. Offering generous levels of space within impressively compact dimensions (length: 4,342 millimetres, width: 1,800 millimetres, height: 1,555 millimetres), the BMW 2 Series Active Tourer represents the perfect response to increasingly exacting mobility requirements.

New turbocharged engines with three and four cylinders, a comprehensive package of BMW EfficientDynamics measures and the extensive connectivity provided by BMW ConnectedDrive ensure a driving experience defined by sporting ability and exemplary efficiency.

Dynamism and functionality of space brought together in classic BMW fashion.

Conscious of the need to meet the high level of spaciousness, variability and functionality demanded in the premium compact class, BMW has given the 2 Series Active Tourer a sophisticated front-wheel-drive system capable of delivering the degree of driver engagement expected of the brand's models. Together with the long wheelbase of 2,670 millimetres and raised roofline, this configuration enables the room inside to be maximised, resulting in an unprecedented feeling of spaciousness. Driver and front passenger enjoy a far higher seating position than in a sedan, which affords a commanding all-round view at the same time as making it easier to get in and out. The wealth of storage facilities and the option of a fold-flat passenger seat backrest are just two



examples of the interior's impressive flexibility and cleverly devised layout. The cabin has a light and spacious feel to it, with all surfaces horizontally structured in a layered look. There is also the option of a large panoramic roof that lets light flood into the interior.

The brand identity with its overriding sense of dynamism is clearly present in the BMW 2 Series Active Tourer too. It shines through in trademark features such as the slightly forward-slanting BMW kidney grille at the front end flanked by the distinctive twin circular headlights. The short front overhang in particular is highly unusual for a front-wheel-drive car, and is just as much a classic BMW styling cue as the short overhang at the rear, the long wheelbase, the Hofmeister kink in the rear side windows and the L-shaped rear lights. Crisp contours and an eye-catching swage line at the sides give added impact to the wheel arches and inject the BMW 2 Series Active Tourer with forward thrust even when stationary. Moving inside, the controls for the radio, air conditioning and air vents are angled towards the driver in another unmistakable BMW design trait.

Maximum versatility and functionality.

The versatile luggage compartment, whose capacity can be enlarged from 468 to 1,510 litres, and the 40:20:40 split-folding rear backrest fitted as standard exemplify this model's excellent everyday practicality. Flexibility is further enhanced by a sliding rear seat which allows legroom in the rear or the load

compartment capacity to be increased as required. One particularly smart touch is the foldable boot floor that conceals a storage compartment with a handy multifunction tray. The rear backrest can be adjusted as an option to offer either added comfort for the three rear seats or extra luggage space. Access to the luggage compartment couldn't be easier thanks to the large, broad, wide-opening tailgate. This can be optionally specified with pushbutton automatic opening and closing or – for supreme ease – touchless gesture control.

Latest-generation engines running on three or four cylinders.

The new BMW 2 Series Active Tourer is being launched with a choice of three powerful, light and fuel-efficient three and four-cylinder drive units that form part of a new generation of engines. They are installed transversely and boast a compact design along with BMW TwinPower Turbo technology, at the same time as complying with the EU6 emissions standard.

The new three-cylinder petrol unit stands out for its exceptional efficiency and great performance abilities. This cutting-edge powerplant is receiving its premiere in a model from the BMW core brand in the guise of the BMW 218i Active Tourer (fuel consumption combined: 5.2–4.9 l/100 km [54.3–57.6 mpg imp]; CO2 emissions combined: 120–115 g/km) with six-speed manual gearbox.

The engine has a displacement of 1.5 litres, generates 100 kW/136 hp and excels with its spontaneous throttle response, hearty appetite for

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revs and high pulling power. The design of three-cylinder engines means they are not subject to first and second-order inertia forces, while the balancer shaft included on the BMW unit ensures that it operates even more smoothly over the entire rev range.

Topping the bill at market launch is the BMW 225i Active Tourer (fuel consumption combined: 6.0–5.8 l/100 km [47.1–48.7 mpg imp]; CO2 emissions combined: 139–135 g/km)* with a standard-fitted eight-speed Steptronic gearbox. With an output of 170 kW/231 hp, a time of 6.6 seconds for the 0 to 100 km/h (62 mph) dash and a top speed of 240 km/h (149 mph), the model's four-cylinder engine raises the bar for dynamic performance in its class.

Hard at work under the bonnet of the BMW 218d Active Tourer (fuel consumption combined: 4.3–4.1 l/100 km [65.7–68.9 mpg imp]; CO2 emissions combined: 114–109 g/km)* is a four-cylinder diesel engine. A member of the same new engine family as its two petrol counterparts, it delivers 110 kW/150 hp while mustering up peak torque of 330 Nm (243 lb-ft). This powerpack serves to reaffirm the exceptionally dynamic performance qualities of diesel engines from BMW, propelling the BMW 218d Active Tourer with standard six-speed manual gearbox from standstill to 100 km/h (62 mph) in 8.9 seconds and on to a top speed of 208 km/h (129 mph). An eight-speed Steptronic gearbox will be available as an option for this model variant.

The BMW among front-wheel-drive cars.

Like all BMW models, the new BMW 2 Series Active Tourer makes its mark with great driving dynamics and the sort of driving experience the brand is renowned for. The newly developed chassis, comprising a single-joint spring strut axle at the front and a multi-link rear axle, combines agility and directional precision with excellent handling stability and suspension comfort. The front drive axle in the new BMW 2 Series Active Tourer has undergone extensive fine-tuning, ensuring that it endows the car with optimum driving dynamics and wonderfully precise steering feedback. The electromechanical steering and the system's functional arrangement combine to produce a driving sensation that is devoid of interfering torque steer.

The intelligent use of high-tensile and ultra-high-tensile multi-phase steels makes a decisive contribution to safety standards in the BMW 2 Series Active Tourer, while also helping to keep the vehicle's weight down. Apart from being a crucial factor in the model's exceptional driving dynamics, this lightweight engineering is just one among many BMW EfficientDynamics technology elements. These also include the Auto Start Stop function, Brake Energy Regeneration, Optimum Gearshift Indicator, on-demand operation of ancillary units and the integral Air Curtain, which uses two vertical air inlets in the front bumper to direct the airstream along the front wheels.

Five model variants designed to meet individual customer requirements.

In addition to the standard model, BMW also offers the BMW 2 Series Active Tourer in four other variants with an interior, exterior and specification tailored even more closely to customer requirements. Standard equipment for the BMW 2 Series Active Tourer already comprises the Radio Professional including a hands-free telephone facility with Bluetooth interface, the BMW iDrive control system with controller on the centre console and 6.5-inch Control



Display, a rain sensor and automatic headlight activation, a sports leather steering wheel, the Intelligent Emergency Call system and Collision Warning with City Braking function. The Advantage, Sport Line and Luxury Line variants also feature two-zone automatic climate control, Park Distance Control at the rear, front foglamps, cruise control with braking function and a multifunction steering wheel.

The Sport Line model highlights the dynamic character of the BMW 2 Series Active Tourer with special alloy wheels and sports seats. The high-gloss black kidney grille bars, model-specific air intakes and the accent strip on the rear apron underline the car's presence. And in keeping with the look, the exhaust tailpipe comes in an electroplated black chrome finish.

The Luxury Line model majors on elegance and exclusivity, as underlined by subtle chrome applications for the exterior before you climb aboard and the exquisite leather trim including heated seats for the



driver and front passenger once inside.

The BMW 2 Series Active Tourer will also be available with the M Sport specification from the end of 2014. With its M aerodynamics package, High-gloss Shadow Line trim, M Sport suspension, 17 or 18-inch M light-alloy wheels, M leather steering wheel and sports seats with bespoke upholstery, the M Sport model of the BMW 2 Series Active Tourer displays unbeatable road presence. The launch of the M Sport model will coincide with the addition to the range of variants equipped with the intelligent all-wheel-drive system xDrive. The BMW 2 Series Active Tourer will be available in Germany from 27 September 2014 priced from €27,200.

High degree of connectivity for enhanced safety and comfort.

Standards of safety and comfort aboard the BMW 2 Series Active Tourer are boosted by the assistance systems and various infotainment features that are collectively known as BMW

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ConnectedDrive. Take, for instance, the Traffic Jam Assistant, which works using a mono camera. It makes motorway driving less stressful under monotonous conditions: in dense traffic at speeds of up to 60 km/h (37 mph) it lets the car “go with the flow”, enabling the driver to progress through the congestion in a more relaxed state. It automatically maintains the desired distance from the vehicle ahead and autonomously controls the car’s speed all the way to a standstill while providing active steering input. In this way the vehicle helps drivers to stay in lane as long as they keep at least one hand on the steering wheel.

BMW ConnectedDrive Services & Apps bring smartphone applications into the vehicle and allow innovative features like the Concierge Service or Real Time Traffic Information to be added. These can also be booked at a later date and, in many cases, for flexible periods of time. In this way, the functionality of the BMW 2 Series

Active Tourer can be vastly enhanced and updated by the owner at any time.

The BMW 2 Series Active Tourer is the first model in the premium compact class to be made available with a Head-Up Display, which projects all relevant driving information into the driver’s field of vision in full colour. Instead of being displayed on the windscreen itself, the information is shown on a screen that extends out between the steering wheel and windscreen. This enables drivers to view all key information without having to divert their attention from the road.

Editor’s note: *Car & Driver* magazine says “Even though the Active Tourer’s lineup will include a range of models with both diesel and gasoline engines, BMW is sending just the top-of-the-line 225i to the U.S. It comes with a 2.0-liter four-cylinder turbo and eight-speed automatic. Rated at 228 horsepower and 258 lb-ft of torque, it is the most powerful car in the segment, such as it is. It just doesn't feel that way.”





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