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From The President

Another Great Fall

For me, Summer used to be the best time of the year. I was an out-of-doors person and enjoyed the warm weather and water sports - swimming, canoeing, badminton, etc., etc.. In addition, doing Tejas Chapter drives and ZSCCA drives in the Z3 with the top down was pure joy!

With the onset of my emphysema and a continuing downward spiral of this debilitating disease, Summer has lost it's thrill. I can no longer do those outdoor activities and I have a hard time breathing hot air.

As a result, I now have a different favorite time of the year - Fall. With the coming of Fall, is the promise of cooler weather and sports that I can "participate" in. I have always been a football fanatic and the Fall brings

plenty of that. I really like college football the best and will often spend an entire Saturday watching college football. The rest of the week is devoted to professional football. Earlier I mentioned "participate" - that means I actively cheer teams on from the couch, with the remote in my hand.

There is, however, one activity that I still look forward to every year and that is the Utopia weekend. This year will mark the 16th time we have done this particular event that is coming up again in October (see page 7) and I can hardly wait. Josh Butts is planning the event again this year, so I am sure it will be terrific, if last year's event is any indication. This is a full weekend of experiencing some of the greatest driver's roads in the USA, fantastic food, and the wonderful camaraderie of other chapter members. I sincerely hope that you will be a part of this great event this year.

Until next time

Glenn McConnell

Welcome New Members

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Waco Mammoth National Monument Tour

**Saturday,
September 24, 2016**

Planned by Raquel Robles



Waco Mammoth National Monument sits within 100 acres of wooded parkland along the Bosque River. Surrounded by oak, mesquite and cedar trees, the site offers an escape from the modern world and provides a glimpse into the lives and habitat of Columbian mammoths and other Ice Age animals. <https://www.nps.gov/waco/index.htm>



Meet: Rudy's BBQ (2400 Interstate 35,
Round Rock, TX 78681)

Perfect place to grab breakfast tacos/
fuel up.

Driver's Meeting: 8:30am

Leave Meet Site: 8:45am

Arrive at destination: around 10:45am

Guided Tour Fees

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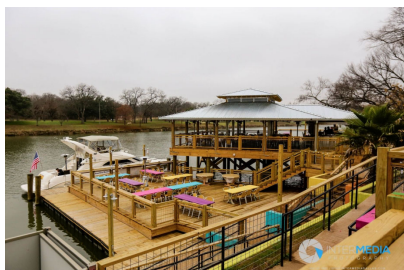
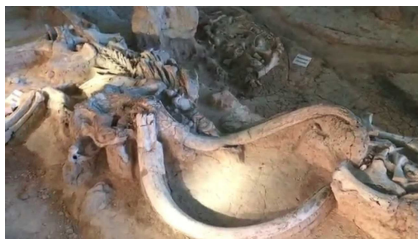
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Annual Utopia Weekend October 14 - 16, 2016

Planned by Josh Butts

Dates: Friday October 14th - Sunday October 16th

The 2016 Annual Utopia Weekend will be based out of Kerrville. We'll hit at least some of the famous 3 sisters, as well as some other roads just to mix things up a bit. If you've never had the pleasure of driving these roads west of San Antonio, we can tell you they are the best you'll find in Texas. We'd be happy to have you join us for any or all parts of the weekend!

Friday Night

Will be a casual social gathering in a come and go as you please fashion. Restaurant TBD.

Saturday

Drive will depart Kerrville early with a stop for lunch, and a shorter drive after lunch. We'll arrive back in Kerrville in time for a short nap and relaxation before a group dinner.



Sunday

Drive will start from Kerrville and conclude at lunch, with easy navigation back to Austin and San Antonio areas.



Watch the Tejas Chapter website for complete details!!

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Woodrose Winery, BBQ & Wine Pairing

By Sandy McConnell

After a week of almost constant rains and flash flood warnings, Saturday, August 20th, began with a light rain and gray skies. Not a discouraging down pour, but enough rain to make it a challenge to keep the



name tags and insurance waivers dry as we took care of our morning preparations for the drive out to Stonewall, Texas and our destination, the Woodrose Winery. Undaunted, however, were Tejas chapter members, family and friends as we greeted one another and caught up on each others lives. It was friendship, our common interests and the expectation of a good time together that warmed our hearts that morning and those things far outweighed the dampness of the day!

We began our drive from the Hopkins Street HEB in San Marcos and headed west toward TX-80 and Old Ranch Rd 12. Things have changed so much over the years with new roads and stop lights, so the hardest part of our drive was getting out of San Marcos trying to keep the group together. Once out of town, we could see that without the rains, the view would be spectacular, especially

along the Devil's Backbone, an elevated portion along Ranch to



Market 32. Although we may have preferred not having the rains for our drive, the abundant rains of late, were instrumental in keeping the Texas Hill Country fresh, typically scenic and



provided relief from the normally oppressive, hot temperatures of Texas in late summer.

Our drive continued North on Hwy 281 to Blanco where, by previous arrangement, we rendezvoused with Tejas members from Boerne, TX. From Blanco, we turned West on Farm Road 1623 which winds along the lovely Blanco River for about 10 miles and then veers Northwest, for a leisurely drive all the way to Hwy 290, at Stonewall, Texas. From there, with barely a hop, skip and a jump to the West, we arrived at Woodrose Winery

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and met the remaining Tejas members joining us there from Marble Falls, TX.

We were greeted by long term Tejas Chapter member Linda (Cavazos) Guilette and her husband, Mike Guilette, owners of the winery. Those of us who have pets, were delighted by their new puppy, a golden retriever, who would have been our friend for life if we'd just thrown his "stick" and played with him. He had to share the limelight with his mother, however, and settle for loving pats and oos and ahs.

Linda had carefully arranged the wine glasses in a clever B M W motif,



which inspired a few of us to take pictures, capturing our favored marque and the creativity behind the



layout. Linda then passed out the "Passports" and wine glasses we would use for our luncheon. Once we were settled, Mike took over, greeting us with enthusiasm as he shared a little about Woodrose Winery, the food and

wine pairing process and the vision behind the intriguing monthly luncheon and wine tasting experience that is bringing customers in by bus loads.

Each month Woodrose Winery features a different country, specialty foods from those countries and then pairs those delicious foods with suggested wine varieties that compliment each other. This month, the featured menu was USA - BBQ.



And, just in case you're wondering, next month is French! Around the room were strategically placed stations, with BBQ from five different states and a dessert from a sixth state. There was no specific order that we needed to follow to try out the foods from these stations, so no one station got too busy and we could organize our dining experience to our own liking and set our own comfortable pace. Mike explained that each



station would have approximately 4oz a serving, except for Texas which *naturally* would have a larger serving. Of course, at first one is tempted to think that this might not be much food, but by the time we finished, we each had almost a pound and a half of food! As we went to each table, we had our Passports date stamped, were served



a portion of food and had our glass filled with the appropriately paired wine. Water was also available. Each page of the passport provided the State, the Food, the Wine paired with it, the cookbook that had the recipe in print and a description of the wine. My experience went something like this:

I made my way over to the Hawaii table and received a portion of Shoyu Chicken. The recipe happens to be available in Recipe Book Volume 7. The server then poured my sampling of the 2015 White Merlot that was suggested for this entre. As I enjoyed this course, I learned from the passport that the White Merlot wine has, a nose of watermelon and a smooth sweet finish of strawberry. Hmmm, all very nice....

My second stop was the Alaska station serving Smoked Salmon (Volume 6) with a 2012 Chenin Blanc wine pairing (“a bright and refreshing

wine, with subtle oak on the nose. Light apple and pineapple on the tongue”). Hmmm, all really good!



Third stop, North Carolina:

Food: Pulled Pork (Volume 6)

Wine: 2010 Sea Breeze (“A sweet blend of Ruby Cabernet and Muscat with a floral nose and cherry finish.”)

Yummy!

Fourth stop, New Mexico:

Food: Black Bean, Corn, & Barley (Volume 1)

Wine: 2009 Zinfandel (“Hints of oak and rose petals on the nose with dried plum on the finish”) All Tasty.

Fifth stop, Texas:

Food: Brisket/Sausage

Wine: 2012 Zinfandel (“A nose of wild cherry and plum with a hint of oak. Nice flavors of cherry and spicy finish of anise and white pepper.”) Yep, I saved the best for last!

Sixth but not least, Georgia:

Food: Blackberry Tequila Cobbler (Volume 1)

Wine: 2009 Sweet Muscat (“Touches of floral and roses on the nose. Lively honeysuckle with sweetness for definition.”)

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Mike was right about our having plenty of food and I know I was stuffed - in the most pleasing way possible. Over time, Mike has compiled recipe books for the various foods that they feature each month and has personally created most of the recipes. (We couldn't resist and picked up a book that has a compilation of Volumes 1 - 6).

Many thanks to Mike and Linda Guilette for having the Tejas Chapter



and hosting such a pleasurable event for us. A direct quote from the cook book we bought... *"Sit, Relax, & Enjoy, Mike Guilette"* Following that good advice, we truly had a good time - I heard nothing but complementary comments from those around us. Wish you all could have been with us to enjoy this wonderful event!



Production ended: Last BMW Z4 E89 Z4 was an sDrive35is

After more than 115,000 units, the BMW Z4 E89 production of the Roadster at the Regensburg plant has officially completed on August 22nd. Just over seven years after the launch of the second generation Z4, the roadster has reached the scheduled end of its lifecycle. Although the work continues on the successor, we're still at least a year away from its official debut.

The last BMW Z4 is an sDrive35is in Valencia Orange Metallic, the 340 hp top model built with a turbocharged six-cylinder engine. The latest BMW Z4 also marked the last new BMW powered by the award-winning N54 engine off the line. In other series, the engine was replaced years ago by the more economical N55, which in turn now is

being replaced by the modular motor with the internal code B58.

After the BMW Z4 E89 was offered – after the market launch in the summer of 2009 until the fall of 2011 – exclusively with straight-six engines, the naturally-aspirated models sDrive23i and sDrive30i have been replaced by the turbocharged four-cylinder sDrive20i and sDrive28i. Unlike its two main competitors, the BMW Z4 was never sold with a diesel engine due to its unpopularity in the segment.

In contrast to the first generation, the Z4 E89 was only available with a three-piece folding metal roof, instead of the soft classic fabric, which has had quite some fans in the community. Even though the driving dynamics were far improved compared to the previous generation, many owners craved the raw feel of the classic Z4. BMW often hinted that they wanted to

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Last BMW E89 Z4

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bring the Z4 closer to the characteristics of the Mercedes SLK which proud itself on the comfortable driving experience.

Yet, the two-seater rear-wheel drive – with its deep and widely set-back seating position and the seemingly endless long hood – has found a place in the garage of many enthusiasts who loved its sporty design and powerful engines.



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Presidio La Bahia Review

By Raquel Robles

The Presidio La Bahia event in July was the first time Vince and I took on the role of lead car. I remember the anxiety, and nervousness I instantly felt after clicking “send” on the email signing us up to coordinate the event. Fast forward four days later, a broken foot threatened to put a damper on our parade. I immediately decided my broken foot would not hold us back from successfully accomplishing this event. After about an hour of glancing through the Tejas scrapbook I felt the July event called for a fresh, new place. A place with ample miles between the starting point and the



event location to allow the cars to really stretch their legs. This criteria seemed to fit a coastal trip we had taken a month before to Corpus Christi, Tx. The scenic route we selected took us on quiet country roads which eventually led us to a hidden gem, Presidio La Bahia.

Our July drive started with a driver’s meeting bright and early at Cabela’s in Buda, TX. Goliad was expecting to reach triple digit weather for our Saturday afternoon event. After a quick briefing on map, two-way radio channels and caution areas,

all 15-/+ cars made their way to Luling, Tx. We reached our half-way point (Buccee’s truck stop) about an



hour after departure and were greeted by familiar faces. A total of 4 additional cars joined the caravan in Luling. Our pit stop allowed for refueling and regrouping. The last leg of our drive took our breath away. As we drove further away from I-10, we were surrounded by vast green pastures and plenty of healthy herds of cattle. These last seventy seven



miles were the most scenic out of the entire trip offering short, curvy country roads and a deserted ghost town.

The first hint of the old fort were the old stones lined along a low water crossing on South US 183 in Goliad, Tx. Shortly after passing this crossing, a sign indicated we had arrived at the Presidio La Bahia. When the group arrived to the parking area, I remember thinking “What a sight to see we must be.” Here you had a

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Presidio La
July 2
Many thanks to Ra
Many more great photos are a





Bahia Tour
, 2016
uel & Vince Robles

available on the chapter website



magnificent 260 year old structure surrounded by beautiful cars. Our self-guided tour allowed for fifteen people to watch a video containing additional background on the property. The rest of the group proceeded to walk into



the museum area admiring the displays containing artifacts found in various excavations. Reaching the end of the



museum hall allowed us to step outside into the center of the fort. There we were able to take a left and visit the oldest Chapel in Texas or



hang right and see what it was like to

live in a fort bunker. After the video, museum and grounds tour, we regrouped and drove down to the Fannin Monument and General Zaragoza's statue.

The Fannin Monument sits above the grave of Fannin and his troops and



sits on the right rear section of the fort. The last stop before our lunch was a visit to General Zaragoza's statue. If you have ever wondered why we celebrate Cinco de Mayo; General Zaragoza is why. The general defeated the French at the battle of Puebla in 1862. After a few pictures, we made our way to the La Bahia Restaurant and Cantina.

La Bahia Restaurant and Cantina was located a hop and a skip away



from the fort. I have to give thanks to the crew at the restaurant for helping

make this event so much easier. Julio and Cindy, both managers at the restaurant, were such team players. I knew I wanted to add a little twist to our normal lunch and asked for the crew to please hide two post it notes under two chairs of their choosing. Each note was to have a number written on it reflecting a 1 or 2. After our fajita dinner I announced two lucky seats had a paper taped underneath the bottom of the seat. The paper would represent a winner for a BMW CCA gift. We gave away three prizes in total. The first prize was given to the first member to sign the insurance waiver at that morning's driver meeting. The prize was a BMW CCA Picnic Blanket and was won by Michael Chatham. Our second prize was a BMW CCA Straw Hat which was won by Sandy Anna John. The third



and final prize was a BMW CCA Utility Pocket Knife won by Angel Espinosa. As the dining room began



to clear out and members said their goodbyes, we decided it was time to hit the road back home.

Vince and I talked about the success of the event during the long

drive home. It was then I realized how much I look forward to each monthly event and what it means to me. As the days passed and a July event had not been announced, I worried we may actually go a month without an event. The thought of not seeing familiar faces and getting out of town for a few hours really made my heart sad. The events, for me at least, allow for unwinding from routine and busy life. Being out on the road with fellow BMW enthusiasts gives me something to look forward to when I've had a hard day, week, or even month. With that said, I'm happy to have taken on an event and encourage anyone who has an idea for one to let us know.

Lastly, I give thanks to my brother Vincent who is always there to



encourage and support me in my adventures! See you all at the next event!



BMW 2002 Hommage celebrates the birth of the turbocharged car.

Design study pays tribute to legendary motor racing glories at the Concours d'Elegance in Pebble Beach



Munich/Pebble Beach. At the Concours d'Elegance in Pebble Beach, the BMW Group is presenting the BMW 2002 Hommage to shine the spotlight back over its successful history with turbocharged engines. In 1973 the BMW 2002 turbo became the first series-produced vehicle in Europe to feature turbo technology. In so doing, it turned the BMW 02 into a full-blooded sports car. Looking back, the advent of BMW turbo engine technology pointed the way for both the development of the sportiest BMW sedans and milestones such as the first Formula One World Championship title for a turbocharged car – won by Nelson Piquet in 1983.

“The BMW 2002 Hommage celebrates the extraordinary feats of engineering on which BMW turbo technology is based and re-interprets them in the form of a design study,” says Karim Habib, Head of Design BMW Automobiles. “With its iconic orange/

black paintwork, the car has a colour scheme and livery synonymous in the minds of many motor sport fans with the triumphs of the 1970s.”

The model unveiled in Pebble Beach writes the next chapter in a story begun by the BMW 2002 Hommage, which the company presented at the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este in May.

A confident statement of unadulterated driving joy.

The sporting silhouette of the BMW 2002 Hommage lies low against the road. Its compact proportions; complete with long wheelbase, short overhangs and prominent “shark nose”, promise a driving experience that thrills with irresistible dynamics and agility. Aerodynamic details like the large spoilers at the front and rear team up with the profusion of air intakes and exits to optimise airflow

around the car and maximise downforce in every driving situation.

Historic details with a modern twist.

A particularly striking feature of the car's flanks are the pronounced wheel arches, which frame the body like four brackets and add stature. In the process, they recall the homologated version of the BMW 2002 turbo, which needed broad extensions bolted onto its body to accommodate a significantly wider track. The Hommage car integrates this detail neatly. Sleek surfacing and precisely chiselled lines envelop the powerful wheel arches and hand them a starring role.



In perhaps the most literal reference of the original 2002, the 2002 Hommage features a unifying “waterline” to connect many of the car's formal elements. This unbroken carbon fiber line physically wraps around the car from front to rear, while also creating a horizontal distinction between upper and lower body surfaces. 20-inch light-alloy wheels in bi-colour design round off the styling as the car meets the road. The modern looks of these lavishly milled, multi-spoke items recall the racing rims of bygone eras, while gold-coloured brake callipers bearing the M logo add an extra stamp of class.

Fronted by 50 years of BMW history.

The front end of the BMW 2002 Hommage is a confident and extravagantly dynamic affair; its styling bridges a gap of 50 years in combining the characteristic, horizontal grill graphic of the 02 series with modern elements of BMW design. In its lines and form, the bonnet references the “spear” contour stretching down the centre of the 02 models that swells slightly into a surround for the BMW logo as it approaches the kidney grille. Further precise lines lend structure and definition to the matt surface.



Occupying centre stage at the front end is the familiar BMW kidney grille. Here, it takes the form of a low-standing, connected unit, offering a flesh slant on the kidneys' historical rendering as a cohesive design element. Sculpted, black double-bars add finesse to the details of the broad-set grille. Like the BMW 2002, the BMW 2002 Hommage also has two single round headlights that provide

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the striking front end with its outer limits. The headlights' reflective gold colouring is a pointer to the "golden" 50th anniversary of the BMW 2002's launch. The headlights also reprise the yellow hue commonly found in the headlamps of racing cars back in the day. An unbroken horizontal black band unites the design elements of the front end and in so doing, underlines the car's wide and athletic stance. Those with a keen eye will also pick out the turn signal repeaters, which – like those of the car's forebear – are located separately from the headlights and embedded in the wrap-around carbon fiber waterline element.



The large front apron, a stylistic and functional aerodynamic nod to those models of the 1970s, shortens the visual distance between the BMW 2002 Hommage and the road. Together with the car's wide, sporting stance, this technically innovative, forward-thinking design sends out a message of top-class roadholding and handling flair through fast corners. Now, as in the heyday of the BMW 2002, design excellence and turbo technology bring unsurpassed levels of fun to twisty race tracks, country roads and

mountain passes alike. The "turbo" lettering in mirror writing on the front apron casts the mind back to the original decals of the 2002 turbo. Accent surfaces in exposed carbon mark the point where the front apron and side skirts hand over to the road, and also provide a technically alluring contrast to the body-coloured surfaces.

Bringing matters to a sporting conclusion.

The rear-end design of the BMW 2002 Hommage also calls on elements of the



2002 turbo. For example, the horizontal sub-division of the car's generous surfaces and its clear lines make a width-emphasising and thus suitably dynamic statement, laced with modern feel. The almost rectangular lights provide a stylistic border for the rear end. The glass covers have a contemporary black-panel look and only offer a view of the inner workings when the lights illuminate. All you can see when they are dormant is an unbroken black surface. As at the front of the car, this strengthens the impression of a strip wrapped around the car. The asymmetric BMW logo placement to the right of the license plate between the two rear lights is likewise a characteristic element of 02

rear styling. The muscular wheel arches bookend the rear section and accentuate the wide track, while a precise spoiler lip brings a modern edge to the car's detailing. A carbon diffuser integrates the now familiar two sets of twin exhaust tailpipes and wraps up the rear styling with a sporting flourish.

BMW's fresh interpretation of the BMW 2002 adopts the form of a compact sports coupe in the classical tradition of BMW Hommage cars. But more than that, the BMW 2002 Hommage represents a clear statement of how pure driving pleasure is defined in 2016.



Life with a Red Rocket

By D.L. Yule

Why do certain things happen in life when you least expect them? Case in point. My wife Susan and I were talking this past December about getting her a new car. The Lexus RX350 she'd be driving for several years was piling up the miles, and we thought that it would be a good time to look for something new while there was still a shred of trade in value left. Susie loved the RX. It was her second. They were both reliable, comfortable, easy to drive and filled our need for a multipurpose utility vehicle nicely. But Lexus/Toyota being who there are, decided to change dramatically the styling of the 2015 RX's giving the front end a goofy largemouth bass with fin rot sort of look. The restyling was done to attract more millennials supposedly. We didn't get the concept. Besides, what thirty something has fifty grand to plunk down on what many in this age bracket consider a codger mobile? We certainly didn't at that point in our lives. Getting back on track, I suggested that she look at alternatives.

I'd recently driven a 2016 X1 and that was pretty snappy. The X1 is much smaller than the RX, but maybe smaller was a good thing and worth considering. So one Saturday afternoon after giving the RX one more disappointing look, we ended up at BMW of Austin. As soon as we walked into the showroom, Susie spies the Red Rocket, with a big bow on the hood. And by red I mean Melbourne Red Metallic – it doesn't get much redder than that. She looks at me and pointing with excitement asked: "what

is that?" "That's an X6M; I'm surprised that they have one on the floor." Susie exclaimed, "Ooh I like



that!" nearly giggling. I'm looking at her utterly stunned. I was genuinely surprised; I never imagined that she'd be interested in something like this. "Can we drive it?" she asked. I don't see why not. Let's see if our friend Judy Ray is in; I'm sure she'll set it up for you to test drive if that's what you want to do. Judy was in that day and drive it she did, along with an X1, X3, and an X5. But none of them were the Red Rocket. What she liked the most



was that the layout of the cabin and the controls were very familiar, oh and there was the acceleration. Face melting, on the edge of your seat, fudge your pants acceleration. Susie learned very early on that this was no codger mobile. The rest is history.

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Life with a Red Rocket

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So what's the ownership experience been like these past eight months? Nothing short of astounding. When the new GT styling came out a few years back, I thought that it was an interesting exercise, but it didn't make my socks go up and down. Frankly, the X6M body style is somewhat impractical. Cargo space is at a premium with the seats up, and it has more blind spots than a Donald Trump speech on foreign affairs (since I've made a political reference, in the spirit of providing balance, I promise to make a snide comment about Mrs. Clinton later on in the article). But these points aside, I'm officially a convert.

The interior has so much leather in it that BMW's of this ilk may end up on PETA's animal cruelty watch list. With a 4.4L hot V-8 under the hood producing 567 horsepower and



553 ft-lbs. @ 2200 rpm you can accelerate from 0-60 faster than Hillary's private email server can delete classified communications from Benghazi. (see, as promised, balance). According to BMW, that 0-60 time is 4 seconds, and I believe them. With so much torque and horsepower

available, you'd never know that this beast weighs in at a corpulent 5,500 lbs. And trust me, the Red Rocket feels like a massive vehicle.

The brakes are a work of art and need to be given the 6's girth. Shifting chores are done through a ZF 8 speed gearbox that can be as smooth as silk or as aggressive as an MDCT due to some very creative software tweaking no doubt. On a side note, on the manufacturer's sticker, it was pointed out that the Red Rocket shipped from the Spartanburg South Carolina plant with an MDCT which I found very odd. The gearbox is, of course, a torque converter auto.

Fuel consumption is very close to the EPA rating of 14 CTY/19 HWY. On longer highway trips we've gotten around 26 mpg. In stop and go traffic, you'll need to have a portfolio of stripper wells in the Permian Basin to keep your 22.4 gal tank filled.

Fuel consumption notwithstanding, this is where we get into some of the downsides to the X6M. Along with the weight, you've got some enormous rubber meeting the road. Cornering is as stable and as controlled as the M4. Seriously! With 21" wheels sporting Pirelli P Zero 285/40 R20 Y fronts and 325/35 R20 Y rears you need to create a lot of inertia to get things moving. You feel this mostly at dead stops and starting from inclines. The X6M doesn't struggle to get moving as much as it requires a delicate balance of brake and accelerator positioning. A little too much go pedal, and you're off to the burn ward. Too little right foot and you're creeping. Let's just say it's a different experience. Additionally, with so many gears to choose from, the

Drive Logic control gets confused about the most optimal gear settings every so often. As you would expect, gear hunting occurs with changes in elevation.

In the X6M, BMW also adopted Ford's method of remotely opening the rear hatch. Yes, the Red Rocket is technically a hatchback. With the Comfort Access key in your pocket, you're supposed to be able to extend your foot under the rear bumper, and the liftgate will automatically open. More often than not, you end up looking like you're having a fit or a convulsion as you frantically kick your foot under the bumper in pure frustration trying to get the hatch to activate. The tailgate tap dance is especially comical if your hands are occupied which is the point of the whole scheme - using your foot to open the gate if your hands are full. Aspirational intention - poor execution. And surprisingly enough, there are finish issues with the Red Rocket. In some areas around the parking markers, the paint has started to shrink and crack as though it wasn't properly cured before leaving the plant. We will be having this addressed under warranty if anyone

from the dealership is reading.

The curb appeal is intense. We've all had folks give us that look either on the interstate or in the parking lot. You know the one I mean - pure car lust. And the X6M generate those looks and thumbs up by the pound. However, a little of admiration is fine, too much can become unsettling. But there are worse things in life.

So there you have it. We're now a 100% BMW family. And just like knowing that I won't be able to retire until I'm 70, certain things in life like the Red Rocket happen when you least expect them.



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The Tejas Chapter would like to have its 1st event. A small team of Tejas Chapter members had been putting the plans together for a 2011 event, then a 2012 event, then a 2013 event, then a 2014 event, then a 2015 event, then a 2016 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 2017.

Please let the Driving Events Coordinator, Scott Bowman at brglotus@fastmail.fm, if you have a contact for a location in the Central Texas area.



well at least a small part of it.

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Activity	Points
Return Survey Form (form available on request or at website)	50
Attend a meeting or event	30
Organize a monthly event, (social/technical etc.)	100
Assist with a monthly event (credited by organizer)	50
Each new member recruited (credited by CCA)	30
Original photo(s) published in the Trax (30 pts max/issue)	10
Original photo(s) published on the website (30 pts max/event)	10
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<u>21.79 Pts</u>	<u>7.33 Pts</u>	<u>5.89 Pts</u>	<u>2.92 Pts</u>
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<u>12.22 Pts</u>	<u>6.89 Pts</u>	<u>5.24 Pts</u>	<u>2.72 Pts</u>
Luke Lowery	Michael Chatham	Jim Factor	James Whalen
<u>8.83 Pts</u>	<u>6.61 Pts</u>	<u>4.73 Pts</u>	<u>2.64 Pts</u>
Carlos Marino	Anthony Paonessa	Joe Matiacio	Jacquelyn Gray
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Mac McConnell	Abdul Fahim	Michael Williams	Felix Guzman

Calendar of Tejas Chapter and Related Events



2016

Date	Event	Meet Location
September 24, 2016	Waco Mammoth National Monument Tour - see page 5 and check the website	Round Rock
October 14-16 2016	Annual Utopia Weekend - see page 7 and check the website	Kerrville
November 10 - 12, 2016	Texas Trifecta at COTA - watch the website and the <i>Tejas Trax</i>	Austin
December 2016	TBD - watch the website and the <i>Tejas Trax</i>	TBD

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710 Pts	Jeffrey Lantz	Carol Lowery	Gene Janulis
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520 Pts	Randy Allen	Steve Richmond	Jack Laumer
Scott Bowman	130 Pts	Andy Rose	Bill Lewis
460 Pts	Brian McKinney	Chris Stahl	Joe Martinez
Josh Butts	120 Pts	Susan Yule	Joe Matiacio
420 Pts	Mary Beth Cordon	50 Pts	Johnny Mitchell
Vincent Robles	Paul Goldfine	Mark Davis	Shearon Mitchell
330 Pts	Carl Nybro	Brandon Hardiman	Tim Moore
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170 Pts	Linda Cook	Robert Giles	Michael Williams
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