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Long-time club members Judy and Manny Brochu displayed their beautiful 1957 Isotta at this year's Northeast Exotics Car Show.

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Take Time to Press Pause

by: Bruce Smith, WMC President

"Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn".

~Elizabeth Lawrence

Fall is my favorite time of year. The cool crisp air in the mornings combined with the warm afternoons just can't be beat. We are blessed to live in an area where each season leaves its own distinct signature on the New England landscape.

What a great time to take your favorite Bimmer for a drive. The ribbons of asphalt are lit up by the brilliant oranges, yellows and reds of the surrounding hillsides. My favorite spot to press pause for a moment during the peak foliage season is on Route 13 South in Mont Vernon. Just outside of the center of town heading towards Milford, there is a wonderful view of the Souhegan valley. I'm amazed and in awe of its autumn finery. I hope all of you take a minute this fall, and press pause at your favorite foliage spot, and appreciate the colors of the season.

The summer was very busy for the chapter. We have had Karting, Advanced Skills, and a High Performance Driving School. A few of our members competed in the 24 hour of "LeMons" race in Connecticut. I'm hoping there will be a write up on that in an issue of the Profile soon.

Some of the White Mountain Instructors were invited to a very special Tire Race Street Survival event at NHMS in early August. Working with the NHMS management, we had Kyle Busch take a seat behind the wheel and



go through the Tire Rack Street Survival program. Kyle, who is the current NASCAR Sprint Cup points leader, picked up a few pointers from our instructors on the skid pad. (Later that week, Kyle went on to win the Sprint Cup race at Watkins Glen.)

Fred Neergaard and Jerry Gappens from NHMS were instrumental in setting this event up. Fred and Jerry brought tremendous media exposure to this very important program. I also want to thank our instructors and volunteers for putting on a great event; Ed Valpey, Dick Cadieux, Erik Wensberg, Mike Cooney, Luka Serdar, Mario Langsten and Bill Wade did a great job. We also had the pleasure of having Matt Edmunds from the Tire Rack and

Howard Duncan from the SCCA join us for the event.

The chapter needs you!

The autumn season brings many elections to the region. Now is the time to think about our chapter elections as well. I have served the chapter as President for the last two years. It has been a very rewarding experience for me. I have met so many members, and shared the passion we all have to drive.

I'm a firm believer in change. Just like the fall foliage marks the changing of the season, the upcoming chapter election will bring new leadership to the group. I will not be running for re-election this fall. It is time for the next driver to get behind the wheel and take the group a little farther up the road.

On page 7 you'll find the schedule of the important chapter election dates. We will also get information for candidates and voting posted to the web-site shortly.

If you have been sitting on the sidelines thinking about getting more involved in the chapter... now is the time. Jump in!

mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Bruce

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Last Month's Membership	65,977	9,678	75,655
Monthly Net Gain	302	101	403
Monthly % Change	0.46%	1.04%	0.53%
Last Year's Membership	66,250	9,844	76,094
Annual Net Gain	29	-65	-36
Annual % Change	0.04%	-0.66%	-0.05%

Michael Morin, assisting Laura with his technical computer skills, has agreed to provide membership information and statistics for the Profile. Look for interesting content in this column from him in future issues.



**welcome to our new
White Mountain Chapter
members**



Nicholas Aldwin	Windham, NH
Rachel Baker	Hudson, NH
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Family-Friendly Day of Racing At Sugar Hill Speedway

text by: Michael Morin

photos by: Paul Michali

When registration officially closed on July 9, there were many slots still open, but by July 14, registration had been opened and closed three times because of last minute tsunami-waves of interest. It's amazing how much of an increase in interest there was this year over last year for this Karting Day at Hot Laps Karting Center at Sugar Hill Speedway!



If you couldn't make it, or maybe decided that "go-karts" are for kids, you missed out on an awesome day with our friends in the White Mountain Chapter and beyond. It truly was the place to be on July 19. It was comfortably hot – beautiful, actually. There was lots

to drink and lots to talk about between heats. The bad boy karts have a top speed of 65mph, the kids karts a top speed of 35 mph. Racing either however, a catered meal by Famous Dave's of Manchester was enjoyed by everyone. If you didn't race, that was ok, you still got to eat great BBQ too, for a measly five bucks.

Yeah, you missed out royally if you didn't at least stop on by. It was exciting to hear Dick Cadieux, Ed Valpey and Phil Brown bench race about their cornering strategies and Jesse Mertz and Dan Leary chat about how some guys just don't listen to the flaggers. By the end of the day, some people were completely ready for bed and raving about how much fun they had. There were even people who wanted to try and squeeze in another date at Hot Laps this fall!

Unfortunately, that will not happen, but it is warming this BMW enthusiast's heart to hear that sort of growing interest in a social event!

And now a recap of the awards ceremony: With a best lap time (men) of 21.88 seconds: Karl. With a best lap time (ladies) of 23.677 seconds: Meredith. With a best lap time (youth 1) of 26.732 seconds: Seth. With a best lap time (youth 2) of 26.603: Sander.

Congratulations to all who raced and thank you to all who attended. Your participation is the only way we can continue to offer great family events like this. Thank you.



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Northeast Exotic Car Show 2008

by: David Harrison

photo by: Paul Michali

Saturday, August 16th was a day for exotic vehicles from New England to assemble in Merrimack, NH. The day started with perfect weather and concluded with a summer afternoon cloud burst to announce the end of the show.

The local Dodge Viper Club once again hosted the event and provided a top-notch venue. The whole occasion went



An automotive debutante, the exquisite Z8

smoothly and was extremely well organized. This was the fifth year car fanatics attended the show to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. A thank you also goes out to the Anheuser Busch folks for providing the beautiful grounds of the Merrimack Brewery as a backdrop for this annual automotive showcase.

The threatening weather forecast did not deter the hearty BMW loyalist. Thirty-five blue and white hood Roundels gleamed in the morning sunshine. [Does the Isetta's front door constitute a hood? -ed.] This number was a marked increase from twenty-one cars on the lawn in 2007. The goal of the White Mountain Chapter was to reach out to a wide variety of models and production years. We were not disappointed.

Long time club members Manny and Judy Brochu of Concord displayed two classic BMWs. Their 1981 320i and 1957 Isseta turned out to be two of the oldest cars in the paddock. The "rolling egg" was voted best in class against some tough competition. New comers included Corey Aiken presenting a 1986 735i sedan being shown for the first time. I salute anyone who steals a vintage car from the crusher and puts it back on the road as Corey has done with his 7. Tulley BMW of Nashua and Ultimate Motorwerks both provided examples of high performance BMWs. The dealership provided three new examples of the X5, 650i, and M3. Other M3s and Z cars filled every corner of the parking area. Some flashed the prestigious DINAN logo. Overall, a good cross section appeared with the entry of such cars as a 1972 2002 tii and a 2006 M6. Ben Burner's 740i traveled from Killingworth, Connecticut to make an appearance. The last car parked was a beautiful Z8 which arrived stylishly late like an automotive debutante entering a ballroom.

Additional groups included Ferrari, Lamborghini, Nissan, Lotus, Delorian, and many more. Some independent entries included a Ural motorcycle with sidecar (think of a BMW prewar R series built by a contemporary Russian manufacturing plant), a new Maserati Grandturismo, and a Panoz Roadster. Many photos of the show are posted on the chapter website.

The WMC would like to thank all who joined us as entrants or spectators in support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation by attending this celebration of cars, Clydesdales, and brewery tours. BMW entry fees alone provided over \$700 for the cause. More than \$10K was raised overall. Please look for this event on the 2009 August club calendar next year and plan to attend.

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Chapter Elections 2008 Coming Soon Your Chapter Needs You!

Elections are just around the corner. Elected board members play a vital role in directing the chapter's activities and direction. Each year we elect a board of directors consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Membership, Social and Driving chairs, as well as the Marketing director, are appointed by the board based on recommendations by the various committees.

If you are interested in running for office, here are a few things you need to know. Any member in good standing (membership ID # required) may make nomination(s). Nominee must be a member in good standing (membership ID # required). Nominee must accept the nomination before the close of nomination period. Nominee may optionally provide a candidacy statement, up to 300 words before close of nominations. Offensive and or defamatory statements will be rejected. All candidate submissions will be confirmed by e.mail. Nominee may optionally provide a passport-sized photo of themselves, along with their statement. All nominations and acceptance are to be sent to the membership chair.

Important Dates:

- **October 3, 2008** - Call for nominations – e.mail announcement will be sent to the membership and posted to website.
- **October 31, 2008** - Membership chair will close nominations.
- **November 5, 2008** - Online voting will open. – e.mail to membership announcing posting on website of all candidates and their statements.
- **November 30, 2008** - Online voting closes.
- **December 3, 2008** - Board of Director's meeting. Members who did not vote online will have an opportunity to vote in person. At the end of the meeting the votes will be tallied and the results announced.

Online voting information will be posted on the chapter website. You will need your membership number for ballot verification.

Your chapter needs you to be involved. Whether you decide to run for office or not, please take a minute or two to exercise your vote for those who are.



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The SEC Presents...

text by: Cassandra Vorisek-Creto, SEC Chair

photos by: Paul Michali

The SEC has been keeping quite busy. Here's a rundown of the events we've been working on.

Back Roads Rally 2008

Get ready for another exciting Back Roads Rally along the New England Seacoast. This year's rally will be held on Saturday, October 18th. The route will be similar to last year's with minor changes and lots of new photos. There is no better way to spend a fall day than cruising on back roads up the New England seacoast and ending it with friends and a great lobster dinner... or your favorite fall meal. The Back Roads Rally of 2007 was a great event with a unique and fun format. Whether you enjoyed it or missed it, don't miss it this year! See Tom's write up on page 12 for more details.

Winter Reunion Party 2009 (f.k.a. Holiday Party)

We asked, listened, and have made some exciting and new changes to the Holiday Party. For starters, the event is now called the Winter Reunion Party. Why change the name? Many people noted that to call it a 'Holiday Party' and have it late in January did not make sense. So, the SEC put their heads together and decided on the new name. Winter Reunion epitomizes what the event is – a reunion of the chapter members!

This year we are offering a silent auction lieu of raffles. There are many exciting items up for bid – weekday golf foursome, gift certificates, dinner for two and so much more. A detailed list of the items will be posted on the website, so stay tuned!

As in the past, a portion of the proceeds from this event will go to charity. This year the charity is the New Hampshire chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. For details about the charity, visit www.newhampshire.wish.org. Another change is how funds will be raised for the charity. For every registered attendee, \$5 from the registration fee will be donated to the charity.

The event will be held at The Highlander Inn in Manchester. The evening is to include a cocktail/social hour, buffet dinner with roast beef carving station, silent auction, photo contest and live music from Manchuka. Manchuka will perform light jazz during dinner and end the evening with a fun 10-piece show. Before the night is over, the winners of the silent auction will be announced.

There is not enough space here to list everything about the Winter Reunion, but more information will be in the next issue of *the Profile* as well as on the website. Needless to say, this is one of the club's most popular *MUST ATTEND* events of the year. So don't miss it! Mark your calendars now and save the date – Saturday January 24, 2009!

But that's not all...

We've already begun planning events for the rest of 2009. Here's a short preview of what's in the works:

- Tech Event at a New Hampshire BMW dealer
- Climb to the Clouds BBQ Picnic & Sunset Tour to Summit
- Go-Karting 2009
- Vermont Vineyard Tour
- Excursion to Parker's Maple Barn
- And more!

Interested in assisting the SEC in planning an event?

Please contact me! (c.creto@whitemtn-bmwclub.org) And join us for some fun!

Cheers!

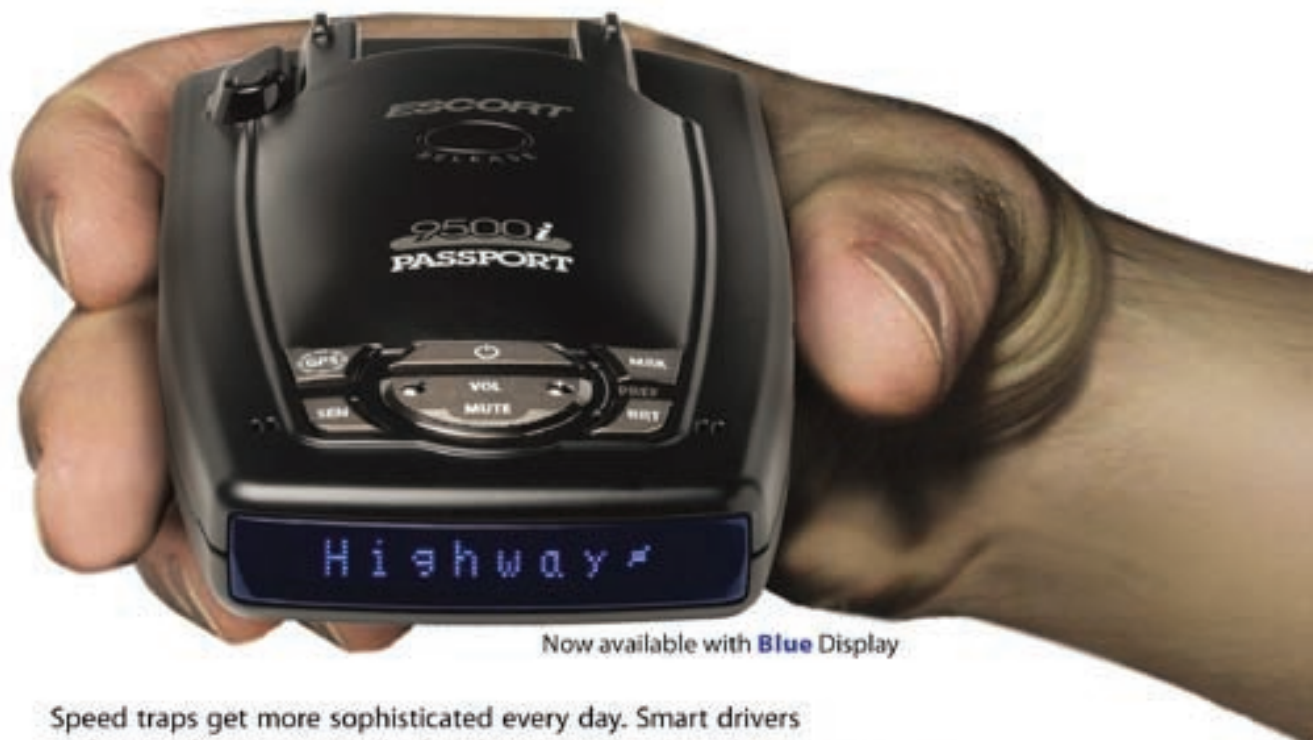
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The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

by: David Harrison

Does anyone know what makes a car desirable? Is it styling or performance that causes you and me to part with our hard-earned cash?

I would like to think an enlightened BMW enthusiast would always put the highest priority on performance. Naturally, styling must also be a factor. As Fred Sanford said, "Beauty is only skin deep while ugly is to the bone!"

Does the public determine when designs work and when they are a failure? You would think some concepts would be self evident as to their ability to please the beholder and eventually entice us to become customers. I believe we are all born with the common sense to distinguish between the good, the bad, and the ugly. I have witnessed a three year old run across a car park, point out a 1983 Ferrari 308 and scream "What's that?!" It wasn't even the traditional Ferrari red and the car still stood out like Yao Ming in the Beijing opening ceremonies.

Perhaps we are all born with universal emotions and a sense of beauty only to have prejudices heaped upon us. We are continually being told that taillfins, fake hood scoops, or pin stripes are designed by highly paid engi-

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neers who know more than you or me. Madison Avenue ad agencies are paid millions of dollars to convince us the Emperor's new clothes are all the rage. It is not just the young who dare to speak their minds. My father recently asked me if I have ever driven one of those "Porsche minivans" (Apparently, the Cayenne's marketing campaign is not reaching the senior demographics.) Dad drives a Cadillac.

Some contend performance is all that matters. Satch Carlson comes to mind. The BMW CCA president would drive a Mad Max replica rather than a new Rolls Royce if he thought it would trump the competition in the next road rally. A true performance design can be an ugly thing. When I was in the Air Force, I worked on the B-52. The history channel rated it as the best heavy bomber ever created. The crews called it the BUFF (Big Ugly Fat F*****). Nothing in the Department of Defense requirements ever mandated the plane to be pretty. Should it be the same in the auto industry? Should metallic paint, chrome, and leather be shed in favor of materials that are more utilitarian?



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Ford has all the media anxiously guessing as to look of the newest generation of Mustang to be unveiled for 2010. The folks at Ford will obviously once again offer GT performance packages touting Roush, Saleen, Shelby, Cobra, and Boss options and badging. All bring about images of great power and engineering in legendary cars. The true

fanatics have memorized all features, hp, and engine displacement in both cubic inches and centimeters. The shocker is that all these models are side-shows with limited productions. A majority of pony cars roll off the dealership lots with six cylinders under the hood. The car in your neighbor's driveway is most likely a sheep in wolf's clothing. Style sells cars more than performance across the board.

BMW straddles the fence with style and function. The Bangle bustle, "flame sculpted" panels, and button down cockpits with I Drive always deserve a critical second look. Maybe the Germans should ask a three year old to point out the obvious and save us all from the next Bavarian styled Edsel.

about impressions:

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Back Roads Rally 2008

Saturday, October 18th

by: Tom Blinn

photos by: Martin Callahan (2007)



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finish the route in under six hours.

For those who may not know, the WMC Back Roads Rallies are not races; there are no check points or clocks to contest with and certainly no experience necessary! The format's simple and fun, and the route instructions easy to follow. The challenge is to put a set of photos in order so they match the things you see along the way. Then, you put the numbers on your answer sheet, and the scoring awards seeing everything and getting the order of things correct.

On-site registration will be open from 9-10 a.m. at the Newburyport Visitor's Center parking lot in the back at the pier near the Black Cow restaurant. The registration fee will be \$25/car payable by cash or check written out to "White Mountain Chapter, BMW CCA". This covers the



The 2007 "annual" Back Roads Rally was enjoyed so much we've brought it back for 2008. This year the "New England Seacoast Rally" will again be a unique photo rally but with fresh photos and updated route. Rain or shine, the rally will start on the waterfront in Newburyport, Mass. on Saturday, October 18th, and will hug the coastline up to the Portland Head Lighthouse in Maine. At just under 110 miles, it's a pleasant day's drive. With stops for lunch and sightseeing, most people will

cost of the event, but does not include lunch or dinner. At least one person in each car must be a BMW CCA member, so please bring your BMW CCA I.D. or a Roundel address label. Non-members can join the club at registration (\$40 additional) and enjoy all the club benefits for a full year.

As in previous rallies, there will be two classes: Competition (two person team) and Touring (unlimited number of passengers). Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishing teams in both classes. The awards ceremony will be held about 4 p.m. and afterwards, you can join other rally teams at a "buy your own" dinner at Two-Lights Lobster Shack at Cape Elizabeth or DeMillos floating restaurant in Portland, depending on the number of participants. Directions to the restaurants from the rally end point will be included in the rally package.



There's no advanced registration for this event. However, to assure we have enough rally packages for everyone, we need a car count. To RSVP, to ask questions about the event, or to obtain a copy of the rally cover sheet, contact the event coordinator, Tom Blinn, at: www.wmc-bmwcca.org/social_staff.html or 603. 673.8171. To see what you'll be missing if you miss this event, check out pictures from past rallies on the chapter website. Hope to see you at this one!



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**Sunday October 5th, 10:00am - 2:00pm
Bavarian Autosport
Show & Shine**

This event promises to be a great day filled with camaraderie, good food, thousands of dollars in free raffle prizes, awards and, of course, lots and lots of BMWs. Held in the parking lot at BavAuto in Portsmouth, NH. Questions? Contact 603. 647.4944 Ext.1. -Cost: FREE w/ Complementary Drinks & BBQ -RSVP via the chapter website

about calendar of events:

Registration, RSVP, travel directions, and details for all listed events are on the chapter website.

High performance driving schools have special advance requirements.

**Monday October 6th, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Social Events Committee
Meeting**

Join the Social Events Committee in planning for up-coming events. Meeting location is The Common Man Restaurant in Merrimack, NH. Cost: FREE Food, Drinks and Valet parking

**Monday November 17th, 2008 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Social Events Committee
Meeting**

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