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Gordon Arnold bringing home some South Carolina sunshine for his wife Linda.

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How I got Here Greetings from your new President!

by: Mark Viola, WMC President



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**Mark Viola -
the WMC President for 2010**

Ahhh winter... As I write this, we're entering the new year with snow falling for three straight days covering everything in a fresh blanket of white. Interesting way to wipe the slate clean for 2010 to be off to a fresh start. Since 2010 also sees a few changes on the board, I thought I'd take some time to share with everyone my BMW story.

It's all my father's fault. Well, my neighbor had a little bit to do with it too. Who knew a simple gesture like giving someone a copy of Roundel would have such a

dramatic effect on someone? For reasons I still don't really understand, my Dad decided one day in 1999 that he was going to buy himself a nice car. We, I mean he, looked at all the usual suspects: Lexus, Acura, Mercedes and of course BMW. Being the resident lead foot and thinking I was the one who really knew how to drive (boy did I learn otherwise later!) I, of course, pushed the BMW. Ok, so maybe it was because the BMW salesman's response to me hitting 100 at the end of the off ramp was simply "cool" while the Lexus guy was a tool and looked like he wanted to call the cops on me. Anyway, fate intervened and a one-year-old 528i ended up in his garage.

Our neighbor already worshipped at the church of BMW and brought over a copy of Roundel when he came to see the new ride. You know, it has lots of parts discounts in it if you want to work on the car yourself. My father laughed and said he was all set, those days were over. I snatched the magazine and discovered it had much more than parts discounts. It had articles and pictures of cars sliding through cones! I want to do that! Always had actually, I just never knew how to get involved. Now I had an outlet. So when 2000 rolled around I joined the BMWCCA with (gasp) a Nissan Maxima. Hey at least it was a 5-speed!

It was an instant addiction; I began running the cones whenever I could. Man, maybe I'm not as good as I thought. I started to settle down with the cones and decided I was ready to take the plunge and try a track event. Formula 1 here I come! First I had to conquer Lime Rock. Yeah, right. Since my Formula 1 plans were on hold, the next several schools found me adjusting my work schedule to fit the available track days. Sorry boss, not working that day, going to the track. No, not to gamble, the stock market's for that. After a few more HPDE's were under my belt I began to notice a recurring theme: all my instructors are telling me the heavy FWD family sedan is not the way to go. Stubborn old me took a few more days for that to finally sink in.

Looking back at it, I'd like to think I acted rationally. My Maxima was only 4 years old and had 70k on it. I found a BMW in my price range. A 10 year old 3 Series with 129k on it. My parents thought I was crazy. 100k starts impending vehicular death in their eyes. You can't reason with a 23 year old, especially one who has been called a fanatic. The nice white E30 became mine. Luckily, they decided not to laugh when I filled it with gas the first time and dribbled gas all over the place. Arghh! I had no clue about working on BMW's so I armed myself with a trusty Bentley manual. My first repair on a BMW involved dropping the exhaust, driveshaft and heat shielding to access the gas tank, which needed to be replaced. Since I was

in there (don't pretend you don't know how that is) I ended up installing a short shift kit and a rebuilt driveshaft. Into the fire I guess.

Luck (low finances) led me to the E30, yet somehow fate must have known. Three other E30's also found their way to me over the years, but I still have my white one. Oh, there have been others. A short fling with an 85 735i and my current project E34, but my heart lies with the E30!

My white car saw many more DE's and two completely different suspensions before I decided I was interested in becoming an instructor through the chapter's development program. I was already a flight instructor; how hard could it be? Quick sign off and I'm good to go... Yeah. Right. After having my head handed to me (again) and several more sessions it was determined I wasn't in imminent danger of killing anyone, so I was set loose on the students. Eventually that segued into my role as DEC chair and working with a great bunch of people who make the events look smooth.

Still awake? Great. So, that's me in a nutshell. What's your story? Seriously. There are 700 members in the chapter. What brought you to BMW? What's your passion? High Performance Driving? Social events? An appreciation for fine engineering? Why not share your story with everyone in the Profile? If you're interested in having an article published, send it to our copy collection editor at editor@whitemtn-bmwclub.org

See you in the Spring!

Mark

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Chapter Membership

Another Year Begins: Are You Ready?

by: Michael Morin, Membership Chair

If you didn't notice the drastic changes of weather, you have probably been living in your cozy 7er. For the rest of us, we're huddling by the wood stove in hopes that global warming will be a little more evident. That may be a little un-P.C. (considering I'm a Prius owner, too) but gosh, I'm shivering here!

There is so much going on our plates this year as a Chapter. So many opportunities for involvement and outreach. The past year has definitely been rocky. We've seen our membership numbers rise and fall. We've witnessed new, more experienced drivers hit the streets thanks to our famous driving schools. You can see our recent member additions to the right and other statistics below. Don't forget to welcome our new Chapter officers. Election results are posted below.

Staving off frostbite,

Michael

State Breakdown

	#	%
AE	1	0.1
AZ	1	0.1
CA	2	0.3
CT	2	0.3
FL	1	0.1
MA	28	4.0
ME	10	1.4
NH	642	92.1
Canada	3	0.4
PA	1	0.1
RI	1	0.1
TN	1	0.1
VT	4	0.6
	697	100

County Breakdown

	#	%
Cheshire	26	4.0
Hillsborough	202	31.5
Rockingham	223	34.7
Merrimack	47	7.3
Strafford	30	4.7
Belknap	26	4.0
Sullivan	9	1.4
Grafton	48	7.5
Coos	3	0.5
Carroll	28	4.4
	642	100

Chapter Elections

A Leadership Refresher

by: Michael Morin, Membership Chair

With the end of one year and the beginning of the new, the White Mountain Chapter has successfully elected the new board members. This year, once again 100% of votes have taken place online on the Chapter's website. Again, once again, our participation levels exceed that of other regional chapters. The outgoing board members have helped us navigate the waters of driving schools and National BMW CCA and federal and state regulations. Please join me in thanking Alan Legerlotz, president, and Pete McDonough, secretary, for their contributions. The new board for this year includes Mark Viola, president; David Harrison, vice president; Mike Dion, treasurer; and Roland Beaulé, secretary.



welcome to our new White Mountain Chapter members



Adam Seligman	2005 330xi	Merrimack
Christopher Weiss	1988 325is	Barnstead
Paul Cardone	2003 325xi	Atkinson
Chris Nobile	*	Somersworth
Jean Desrosiers	2008 328xi	New Boston
Donald Hatch	1994 740i	North Hampton
Michael Feinberg	2010 535i	Londonderry
Seigfried Baumer	2002 530i	Rochester
Carol Croatti	2010 X5	Londonderry
Dave Robinson	*	Lebanon
Robert Ruppel	2010 335xi	Jackson

Town Breakdown

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Nashua	47
Manchester	23
Windham	23
Bedford	19
Amherst	17
Londonderry	17
Hudson	16
Merrimack	16
Concord	15
Hanover	15
Portsmouth	15
Newmarket	13
Stratham	13
Hollis	12
North Hampton	12
Exeter	11
Salem	10
Dover	10

Member Spotlight

This Edition: Dana Sion

by: Michael Morin, Membership Chair



In this issue I am spotlighting the Chapter's marketing and salesperson, Dana Sion. Dana is most notoriously known as the go-to-guy for getting sponsors for the Winter Reunion and advertisers for The Profile. When he's not busy with Chapter business, he keeps busy remodeling his family's home in Hudson. You might be able to find him at a Home Depot or eating brunch at one of the Common Man restaurants in the state.

Want to put a fellow member in the spotlight?

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Street Survival Teaching Teen Drivers to Survive Behind the Wheel

by: Mark Viola, DEC Chair



350,000. That's the number of teenagers treated for motor vehicle injuries sustained in an accident for 2008. A quick Google search also revealed a few other sobering statistics. The teenage driving population is four times more likely to be involved in a crash for each mile they drive compared to an older driver. If you're the financial type, here's another way to look at it. Teenagers account for 14% of the population, yet they account for 30% of the total costs for motor vehicle injuries in males and 28% for females. In dollar amounts that's 19 and 7 BILLION respectively.



What can you do about it you may ask? The BMW Foundation, this year's charity of choice for our chapter, has been sponsoring a program for teenagers called Street Survival. During a Street Survival course teenagers learn what drivers ed doesn't teach you about driving in the real world. Topics such as threshold braking, emergency lane change and vehicle skid control are covered in a classroom. The best part is that then the kids then have a chance to experience and practice these things in a controlled environment with experienced instructors coaching them. Yes, you can learn something and have FUN doing it at the same time.

e.Profile Service Available Sign Up Online

by: Paul Michali, WMC webmaster

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Reduce your opportunity to take a photo like this of your child's friends.

signing your teen up for one of the available dates help keep them safe on the roads this year.

Coming up this spring are two dates to note: April 24th and May 8th. On both those days our chapter will be conducting Street Survival clinics. The April 24th date is currently for residents of Milford, Amherst and Mt. Vernon. The May date is open to the general public. Please consider



Help a new driver in your family to avoid becoming a fatal statistic.

If you know someone who has a teenager, please pass the information on to them. Details can be found on our chapter website and on the national Street Survival site (www.streetsurvival.org). There are also some great videos on YouTube if you search. We encourage everyone to check out what we have to offer; we owe it to our kids.

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Dear Diary, I spent 3 great days at the track again...

by: Laura Fallis

The White Mountain Chapter hosted its annual End of Summer Driving School in October at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon. This year, the weekend had the good fortune of also including a BMW CCA Club Race!

This great weekend was made possible by generous sponsors: 3D Auto Works, BMW of Stratham, Bavarian Autosport, HMS Motorsport and Kensington Autoworks. Additional contributors included Turner Motorsport and Pagid Brake Technology of America.

DAY 1: Friday, October 23

An early morning, up at 4:00 a.m. In the Media Center at NHMS for 6:30 a.m., first clinic. Stripes earned on the car. A hooraying day for many. The stripes are earned by advanced drivers which allows passing in corners with a vehicle striped the same. Limitations for designated passing zones are waived. Of course etiquette still applies, passing only with point-bys. 92 miles logged on the track with multiple passes and a good car.

I'd like to thank the "Quantum Mechanics" driver for the cornering pass in nine.

A number of students, instructors and racers faced the victories and challenges of the day. The day ended with for me with satisfaction and a fast car.

DAY 2: Saturday, October 24

Rain, rain, rain. The New England region brought lots of rain throughout the day, but in the end, a day still of victory! A celebration fest took place in the tech shed thanks to our Social Events Committee. There, we gathered and enjoyed a bite to eat, a thirst quencher and cookies. The day proved challenging with the weather for the drivers who braved the rain, while others chose to pass on the opportunity. The day concluded with a raffle for the instructors. The lucky winners: Peter Bergwall, Dan Chadwick, Gordon Geick and Lee Walsh. Our appreciation to you and all the instructors, made possible by Turner Motorsport and Pagid.

DAY 3: Sunday, October 25

Back at the track. 87 more miles and some on track training amongst the instructors. I think it's time to lighten the weight in the vehicle to keep up. All and all an excellent day. We wished each other a joyous winter season with exchanged words of "see you in the spring".



Finding the Needle in the Haystack Craigslist is Great, But...

by: Gordon Arnold

By now, you've most likely heard of Craigslist.org and you may or may not have actually used it. (Craigslist.org is an internet site for buying and selling goods and services, at no charge. It's sort of an internet version of the, now defunct, Want-Advertiser that you used to find in every convenience store and gas station.)

Craigslist is great when you're looking for a used item (or even new, sometimes) in your local area. I've purchased (and sold) televisions, swing-sets, photo equipment, audio equipment, boat equipment and many other items, on Craigslist. Naturally, the automotive listings are heavily used for both buying and selling.



Getting from here (left) to there (above) can sometimes be a daunting task. Getting familiar with a few tricks can make the process much easier.



Whenever I'm searching for a particular item nowadays, I first go to Craigslist.org where I enter my desired geographic area. Depending on the area of the country I choose, there may be state and or city divisions. In my case, I typically start with New Hampshire. I can then search the various item groupings, depending on whatever it is I'm looking for.

Here's an example scenario. Let's say that I am looking for a BMW Z3. Here's how I'd proceed: I'd choose to search New Hampshire listings first. I would select "cars+trucks" under the "for sale" heading. I would then type in a search term, for example, "BMW Z3". This will search the titles AND the descriptions of ALL the postings. Since I do not want all of the listings for parts and accessories for a Z3, or other things that may have my search words in the listings, I can click the box labeled "only search titles". I will now be more likely to see only listings for BMW Z3 vehicles.

Today however, as I sit here writing this, there are actually no Z3s listed in New Hampshire. What now? Well, I'd be willing to travel to Massachusetts for the right car, so I'll go back and search in the same manner in the Boston area listings. What if there are no listings for the car that I am looking for, in NH, all of the different MA areas, ME, VT or CT (keeping

in mind that I have to manually research in each of these areas) and I am willing to travel in order to find the right Z3? Well, I can start expanding into any of the areas that are listed on Craigslist by manually selecting and re-searching for each area chosen area. As you can imagine this gets rather tedious.

There are a couple of tricks available however that can assist me in doing widespread Craigslist searches without the tedious actions of searching area by area. Roundel columnist, Rob Siegel, recently mentioned one trick, a website called Crazedlist.org. For those of you who missed his write-up, it's a website that gives you a tool to search Craigslist in a more widespread manner, allowing you to search multiple geographic areas at one time. Be warned; although this program is quite useful, it is a bit glitchy and not perfect.

An alternate to Crazedlist is to use Google to force a search of all of Craigslist. Do this by entering Craigslist.org in the Google search box. When the results come up, the first result will be a Craigslist.org search box. Enter your search term in the dialog box and click the search box. Now, be aware that you are searching ALL of Craigslist and any posted ad that contains your search terms will come up (this will still be a Google search, so the Google parameters will be used). This search tends to be more useful when you can search for very specific results. In other words, just searching for "BMW Z3" would quite frankly be rather useless. However, if I were to search for "BMW Z3 yellow 3.0", the results would be much more useful.

This is how we found my wife, Linda's, new Z3 this past spring. Similarly, the gent in Ohio, who purchased my 95 318ti Club Sport, found my New Hampshire listing using this tool as well!

If you've never used Craigslist before, check it out. Whether you want a second hand refrigerator for a corner in the garage or a "new" BMW for one of its bays, I assure you, you'll find it quite useful. If you're a Craigslist "regular", be sure to give these new searching tools a try if you haven't already and they'll help expand your purchasing horizons.

BMW's Mighty 740i Strong as Malaysian Plastic

by: David Harrison

There was a time when the German people declared with pride that they were "As tough as leather and as strong as Krupp's Steel". Germany has long been known for constructing goods with fine metalwork. Manufactures produced products carefully constructed of the best and most durable resources available. Krupp Steel made everything from soup ladles to artillery pieces. Take a look at the cannon from 1917 in Nashua's Greeley Park sometime. It is still a fine illustration of durable craftsmanship and materials. The Parks and Rec Dept is presently having her repainted over the winter and plan to display her for at least another 100 years. That's durability.



Cheaper isn't always better. All too often in today's competitive economy, cutting costs diminishes longevity, degrades quality and tarnishes an image.

Why do I mention this? The reason is that now when I take a good look at my BMWs I see less and less superior German metal and more and more Malaysian plastic. This fact became all too evident one weekend last September when I had not one, but two failures of critical parts under the hood of my wife's 740i.

The earliest sign of trouble was the all too familiar chime with the accompanying dash message "CHECK COOLANT LEVEL". For some time I had been giving the big V-8 an occasional top off of anti-freeze. I had looked under the hood and not noticed any major leaks. The rumor on the E38 message board was that some engines lose small amounts of coolant as a normal occurrence. This could have been the case since the engine has over 150K miles of use. I was also lulled into a sense of security due to a complete overhaul of the cooling system just two years earlier as a preventative measure. The radiator, expansion tank, water pump, thermostat, and all connecting hoses and belts were "new" in my mind.

I decided the car needed a second look when I noticed puddles under the car and the top offs became necessary for several consecutive mornings. Close inspection revealed coolant dripping off the radiator. To my relief, close inspection showed the coolant stream originating from a hairline crack on the expansion tank and running onto the radiator. This meant less money and far less work to repair. The whole situation was corrected with a couple hours work and \$50 into the till at Bavarian Autosport. Mike at the counter told me he sold six tanks for various models that day! Shouldn't these things last longer

than two years? Chalk that up as reason number one to question plastic for critical parts.

Reason number two appeared just two days later. Satisfied with my tank repair, I figured I was good (at least for a year or two). That was not to be the case. While cruising at 70 mph I saw the battery icon illuminate on the dash. Immediately I flashed back to Driver's Ed and I attempted to keep the car moving until the next exit ramp. A car does not need a functioning battery or alternator to get to a safe spot. Plan A changed within a mile! The engine temp gauge pegged. Now it was time to shut

off the engine and coast in neutral to the side of I-93 just South of Exit 5. There I was stranded three feet off a packed highway hoping none of the NASCAR Nation streaming north to Loudon had already finished their first six pack of the day.

My wife Rachelle called for a flatbed while I took the time to look under the hood. Less than a minute was required to find the problem. The fan pulley had disintegrated at about 10k RPM like a grenade. No pulley meant no rotating belt to drive the alternator or water pump. Hence, the indications on my dash. Guess what BMW uses to make pulleys now. PLASTIC! A mighty 7 series was taken to its knees by a \$25 plastic part. Luckily no shrapnel punctured the hoses or radiator.

It was back to BAS where I bought the only pulley in stock. Rachelle (not an automotive mechanical engineer) asks the obvious question "Shouldn't that be made of metal?" As we pay Mike, I inform her that the pulley on our 1994 525i is metal and has caused no trouble for 15 years. I even dropped the thing on a concrete floor once and just filed down the rough spots and repainted it.

How does BMW not get it? They tell us plastic saves weight and expense. They also told us we do not need cup holders. When we finally do get cup holders we get plastic ones that break costing \$150 a set plus labor (and they all break). Spilling your soda isn't catastrophic, but when you are talking about critical engine parts, make them of metal and make them to last. "Strong as Malaysian plastic" just doesn't have the same ring.

**"Tough as Leather
and Strong as
Krupp Steel"**
-
**"Strong as
Malaysian Plastic"**
**just doesn't have the
same ring.**

My Name is Gordon... and I'm a BMW Junkie a Fireside Chat with Bavarian Otto's Alter Ego

by: Gordon Arnold

What a year it's been. As we find ourselves settled into another New Hampshire winter with the past driving season just a collection of memories now, I figured I'd take the opportunity to share some with you. So let's take a mid-winter's break from our classroom studies (learning to diagnose vs. blindly replacing parts) and just have some together time. Come in from the cold and pull a chair up by the fireplace here, and get nice and cozy.

As usual, there's been plenty of activity at Laurel Manor (our Victorian homestead) over the past couple years, both BMW and non-BMW related. We've acquired five different BMWs and gotten rid of one, performed a long list of repairs and modifications and, lived the non-BMW parts of our lives too!

Non-BMW? Well, yes, I must admit that while BMWs consume a rather large part of my life, being that I spend many hours each day working with them from a desk at Bavarian Autosport as well as working on keeping a family full of them (a few families, actually) on the road, we do manage to keep a family of real-live people going too! On the non-BMW side, we have four full-sized boys, my lovely wife, a 115 year old house (with ongoing renovations) and the other items and toys that complete one's life these days. Of the boys, we had Kollin (son #3) bring us our second daughter-in-law, in June. We had a lovely wedding at Church Landing in Meredith. Since we had the whole extended family here from Michigan (our brothers, sisters, parents, nieces and nephews), we also took the week for a vacation period on the lake, renting a lake house and keeping the boat out front at the dock. This would turn out to be our most hectic and most rewarding time of the year.

You should have seen the driveway at the vacation house! Almost all of our local and extended family and kids drive BMWs now (nobody had ever even touched one prior to my coming to Bavarian Autosport). We had E30s, E46s, E90s and E39s packing the driveway. My wife, Linda's new Z3 (more on this, later) stayed at home since we needed the 'Burby for towing and bus duties.

On the BMW front this past year, we certainly had a fair amount of activity between comings and goings, repairs and mods. Mostly all of this activity is of my own doing. "Hi, my name is Gordon and I'm a BMW junkie" (ok, everyone in unison now, "Hi Gordon.").

In the early Spring of 2009 we decided it was time to get Linda her own little "hobby car". After some thought and figuring, she settled on a Z3 (a Jag E-Type or a 240Z, a couple of her favorites, were just a bit too much, both in cash and upkeep, and no, even though we could, we would not buy a Jaguar XJS as a daily driver). Anyway, she likes the Z3 design and the 6-cylinder is just enough power to keep her interested. Now, since this was to be a special "fair weather friend" for her, the options and the color had to be just right (the bigger engine, 16" or 17" mesh wheels and a body of red or yellow not to mention the 5-speed - of course!). We initially looked at M-Roadsters, but finding one at an acceptable price and location, in yellow, was next to impossible and red was just difficult.

After much pondering, thought and inner reflection, Linda decided that she preferred the yellow as a more classic old roadster feeling versus a red hot-rod. So, we settled in on searching for a yellow, low mileage, 2000+, 3.0 (Linda preferring the updated rump on the later models).

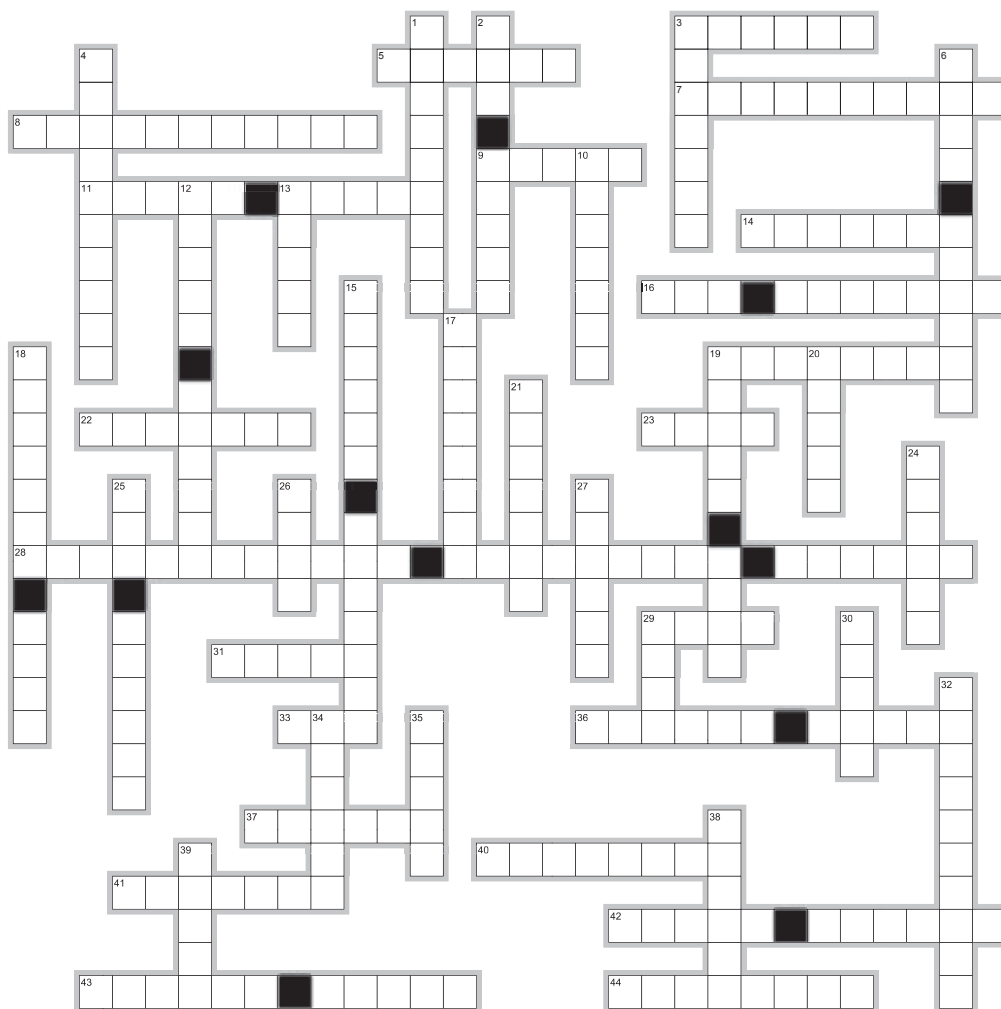
Using all of our internet searching resources, ebay, Auto Trader, Cars.com, open Google searches and Craigslist, we just missed a great one in the Washington D.C. area at a ridiculously low price. However, shortly thereafter, we found a nice clean low mileage 3.0 with the full sport package. We found it on Craigslist in South Carolina. After a few days of e-mails back and forth and a few additional photos sent to me for us to look over, the decision was made. A check was sent and a title was received. Now all that was left was to hit the DMV for a 20-day paper plate and purchase a one-way plane ticket to sunny South Carolina.

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Bumper to Bumper A Car Puzzle for Car Nuts

by: Martin Callahan, editor



Across

3. front or rear
5. motor
7. by speedometer
8. up or down
9. heated ____
11. manual
14. badge
16. efficiency measure
19. safety restrainer
22. left or right
23. deflation result
28. SRS
29. used to gesture
31. ____ box
33. ____ cap
36. signature BMW
37. on wheel
40. official counter
41. antilock ____ system
42. show stopping
43. squirt
44. air in tire

Down

1. fuel feed
2. oily indicator
3. block of power
4. looked through
6. for foresight
10. BMW wagon
12. motor icon
13. four doors
15. lengthy bundle
17. heat convactor
18. on the left
19. traction in reserve
20. for stowage
21. waste gas
24. blades of rubber
25. for joe
26. ____ brake
27. look back
29. over engine
30. ____ plug
32. current switcher
34. pricey pillow
35. two doors
38. decelerators
39. rear door

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There were four sports sedans in the competition.
Of course, there was only one BMW.

Car and Driver Comparison Test June 2009			
Ranking	Rating	Price as tested	MPG Highway
1. BMW 328i	207	\$36,475	28
2. Infiniti G37 Sport	205	\$40,585	25
3. Audi A4 2.0T	193	\$47,075	27
4. Acura TL SH-AWD	177	\$43,995	25

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Overall, the acquisition trip was excellent, that is, once my outbound plane *finally* arrived in Boston-Logan and then *finally* actually left the ground again! I picked up the freshly detailed yellow Z in Myrtle Beach on a sunny 80-plus degree afternoon and began my trek northward on I-95 (top down, of course!). After an overnight in Richmond, I stopped in Fairfax near D.C. to have breakfast and spend some time with Chris (son #1), before continuing north in the mild spring sunshine. Finally rolling into Portsmouth, New Hampshire, about mid-night, I stopped there at a DIY carwash to blast off the coating of bugs and road grime collected on the trip before heading the last 50 miles to Laurel Manor. Arriving home with the new bright yellow Z3, Linda was excited to see it for sure, and of course we had to take it for a ride as soon as I got home.

All has been well with the Z in the 3000-ish miles that we put on it this year before the salt hit the roads. I did do some maintenance work, such as front control arms and fluid changes. I must say that it's almost a pleasure to work on the underside of this thing. Since it has not seen road salt, it's nice and clean and there's no rust on the parts or the fasteners! As there was no fighting with nasty, rusty, hardware I had the control arms on in an hour. Additionally, in adjusting the tie-rods (toe adjustment), I was pleasantly surprised when the lock nut and the adjuster sleeve simply yielded to normal wrenches without the need for the pipe wrenches, vise-grips, cheater pipes, PB-Blaster and gas torch like I've so often employed before!

Over the past couple of years, we also have been working on getting me a "car of my own" after selling the "M3Eater" (our 2000 WS6 Trans-Am) a few years ago. Since the offloading of the "M3Eater", I've been driving leftover E30s or whatever else was "on the lot" at Laurel Manor. I wasn't really looking for a car at the time, but an ad showed up on the bulletin board at BAS and the price and color caught my attention. So around Christmastime of 2007 we purchased a nice '91 M5 (red, of course). But we sold it again the following spring. Its fuel mileage of 15 to 17 mpg just was not acceptable for my commute of 100 miles a day at the then \$4.50 to \$5.00 per gallon of fuel with an end to increasing gas prices nowhere in sight. When I got it, it needed some work that I was quickly able to take care of. It really was a great car (not as quick and direct feeling as my old '88 M5 was, but very nice to drive and enough power to be fun), however, like I said, it was just too expensive for a daily driver.

By now, we had Chris' 87 325i back at Laurel Manor as he had purchased a '93 325i but still wanted the E30 to "stay in the family". So, now I was driving a very nice, black, 4-door E30 (with sport seats, 17" wheels, Bilsteins, BAS springs, Eibach swaybars, headers, etc., etc.). It's a very nice old, high

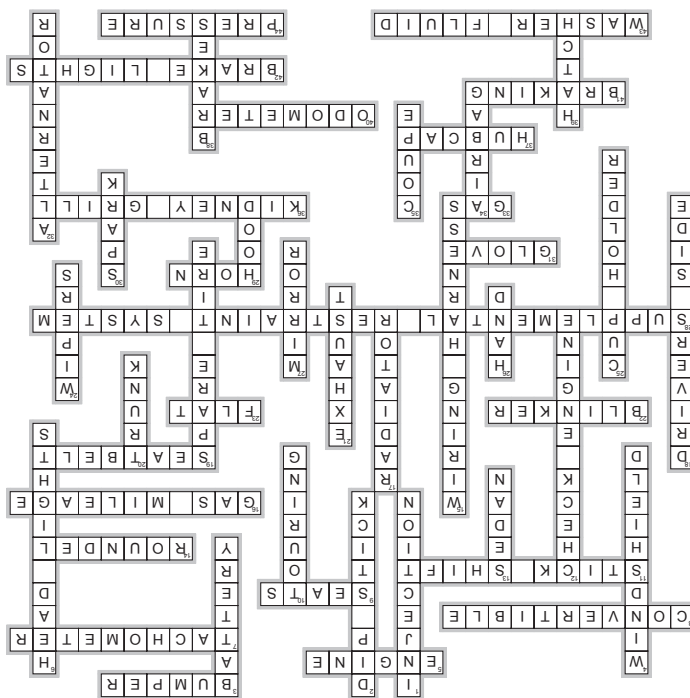
mileage, E30, but... still not "mine". Chris had officially given the car to Linda, so that she would not have to drive the ¾-ton Suburban for every errand prior to getting the Z3.

After trying the M5, I got to thinking that a highly fuel efficient BMW would be much nicer for my long daily commute. Well, that pretty much narrows it down to a 3-series with the M42 or M44 4-cylinder engine. So, what do we have for consideration? An E30 318i/is, the E36 318i/is and the 318ti, were basically all my options (and the early Z3, but these were too much cash and not really applicable for a daily driver and regular errand runner). While I do like the E30s, and an E30 318is would be fun, I just couldn't bring myself to accept the prices for what the nicer ones were going for. On the otherhand, E36s have never really made me feel all warm and fuzzy with the exception maybe of the 318ti. Being rather unique, it does get my interest. It can run in the 30-mpg range and can be quite a decent track car. As I started looking around though for 5-speed 318ti models, I discovered that they were still riding the pricing crest that started when the fuel prices topped out. I just wasn't willing to spend that much for a nice example. Well I settled back into the E30.

Then along rolls Christmas 2008. One of my BAS coworkers shows me a Craigslist ad for a '92 525it, knowing that I am sort of shopping and that I do like the E34 wagons. Turns out it has a nice very clean black body with nice 17" wheels but a dead transmission. A trip to Bangor, Maine with a trailer, brings the limp touring back to Laurel Manor. The bumpers are cracked and it needs a headliner, so we acquire a cheap second black touring (rusty and dead transmission as well) for parts. Eventually I finally find a nicely priced transmission from a friend of Shawn's (son #2), who used to work at the BMW dealership with him. Now I just have to get it all into the garage and start wrenching, while I drive the E30.

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Friday March 5th, 5:00pm
Profile submission deadline

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Sunday March 28th, 2010 8:00am - 9:00am
Parker's Maple Barn Breakfast

Visit one of NH's great spots for local flavor and fun at Parker's Maple Barn. Join us for a fabulous breakfast (pay your own) and we'll take a tour through the sugar house and purchase fresh maple syrup in the giftshop. (Non-members welcome) Parker's Maple Barn, 1316 Brookline Road, Mason, NH. Questions? Contact (603) 594.0788. Cost: Pay Your Own - Please RSVP

Monday March 29th, 2010 6:30pm - 8:30pm
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Saturday April 10th, 2010 8:00am - 5:00pm
Advanced Driving Safety Skills School

Have fun and learn important car control skills at our ADSS school. New Hampshire Motor Speedway NHMS. Cost: TBD, Registration TBD

Friday April 16th, 2010 7:00am - 4:00pm
Cabin Fever Driving School

Spring into the year with our first High Performance Driving school of the season! Held at New Hampshire Motor Speedway NHMS. Cost: TBD, Registration TBD

Monday April 26th, 2010 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Social Event Committee Meeting

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Friday May 7th, 5:00pm
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Saturday May 8th, 2010 8:30am - 5:00pm
Tire Rack Street Survival School

Do you want to make your teen a safer and smarter driver? Then give them Street Survival(tm) skills! This BMW Foundation sponsored event helps, students 21 years old and under, learn skills beyond plain old Driver's Ed. Held in the parking lot at New Hampshire Motor Speedway NHMS. Cost: TBD, Registration TBD

Monday May 24th, 2010 6:30pm - 8:30pm
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Monday June 28th, 2010 6:30pm - 8:30pm
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Friday July 2nd, 5:00pm
Profile submission deadline

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Saturday July 24th, 2010 8:00am - 5:00pm
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Monday July 26th, 2010 6:30pm - 8:30pm
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Thursday July 29th, 2010 7:00am - 4:00pm
July Heat High Performance Driving School

Have fun on the new pavement at NHMS. Sponsors include Bavarian Autosport, HMS Motorsport, BMW of Stratham, NKD Motorsports, and Concord Motorsport. New Hampshire Motor Speedway NHMS. Cost: TBD, Registration TBD

Saturday August 21st, 2010 8:00am - 5:00pm
Advanced Driving Safety Skills School

Have fun and learn important car control skills at our ADSS school. New Hampshire Motor Speedway NHMS. Cost: TBD, Registration TBD

Friday August 27th, 2010 7:00am - 5:00pm
August Driving School

Just before kids go back to school, you have a chance for another of our High Performance Driving schools! Cost: TBD, Registration TBD

Monday August 30th, 2010 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Social Event Committee Meeting

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Friday September 3rd, 5:00pm
Profile submission deadline

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Monday September 27th, 2010 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Social Event Committee Meeting

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Saturday October 2nd, 2010 8:00am - 5:00pm
Advanced Driving Safety Skills School

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Friday October 22nd, 2010 through Sunday October 24th, 2010
End Of Summer Driving School

This three day school at NHMS is your last chance for track time this year. This is a joint event with the Boston Chapter, who will be hosting the event this year. Cost: TBD, Registration TBD

Monday October 25th, 2010 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Social Event Committee Meeting

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Contact the advertising manager for ad submission deadlines.

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From 2001 540i. Front and rear bumpers OEM. Painted orient blue (#317) some paint scuffs which wouldn't mater if repainting. Looking for \$600 obo for pair. Side OEM mirrors also orient blue. Looking for \$250. E.mail Brian Casey via the chapter website.

Winter Wheels & Tires Package for E36 3-Series

Four 7.5x17" alloy rims with 215/45R17 snows mounted. Two Bridgestone Blizzak LM22 (5/32" tread) and two Michelin Pilot Alpin (3/32" tread). Wheels are badly oxidized but drive fine. These were the winter wheels for my '98 M3. \$300 or best offer. Call David Salerno at 603-487-5328 or e.mail via the chapter website.

Winter Wheels & Tires Package for E36 3-Series

Michelin Pilot Alpin P225/45R17 snow tires on 7.5" BMW Motorsport 20-spoke rims. Wheels professionally refinished, in very good shape, but do have minor scratches. Tires have only 12,000 miles of use; plenty of tread left. Photos available. Nashua area. \$700. Call Michael Pahl at 603-249-5855 or e.mail via the chapter website.

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