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Not your father's '02. Roy Wicklund's 1972 2002, full chassis-off restoration with hand-built turbo body kit mounted on an S14 engine (E30 M3). First-in-Class at the 2011 NECS. (see page 10)

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Become Part of the New Leadership Annual Chapter Elections are Here

by: Mark Viola, president



Well, it's that time again. Last issue I wrote about your chapter needing your help. I apologize for sounding like a broken record, but it's more of the same this issue, and it's even more important.

The chapter's general elections are coming up for all the board positions. Are you interested in helping to lead your chapter? Every year the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are vacated and people need to be elected to them. Unlike our dysfunctional political system, the "incumbents" have no advantage when it comes to the White Mountain Chapter. If you're interested in any one of these positions don't be afraid and please throw your hat in the ring.

Are you up to the challenge? You can nominate yourself during the month of October and the elections are held online throughout November. One final chance to vote in person occurs at the December general meeting and the results are then tallied. Winners are announced then and the reigns officially turned over at the January meeting. If you have any questions about the different positions you can contact any of the sitting representatives. If you have general election questions or to add yourself to the mix, please contact Michael Morin, our membership chair.

Remember, your chapter needs you, and there is no time like the present to step up and make a difference. I came across this graphic here online and thought it was most appropriate. Will you make a difference?

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Chapter Membership What can I do for you?

by: Michael Morin

Yes, it's crockpot season. I know that because it comes at the same time of year as the annual Bavarian Autosport Show & Shine and the Deerfield Fair. What else better to celebrate the oncoming crockpot season than a driving school chili reception? Nothing...well, perhaps chili for Super Bowl Sunday. Of course, in order to get some homemade chili, you need to participate in the Saturday's events during the End of Summer Driving School on October 22.

If your contact information has changed recently, please contact me to make sure you don't miss out on local BMW-centric events and driving opportunities. It is required for membership to have a mailing address on hand so that you get our newsletter and magazines. Many people do not supply their phone numbers, email addresses or make/model of car they drive. The information you share with us does NOT get sold or traded for any reason by anyone within the organization. If you are not getting our event emails and feel like you are missing out, please email me at m.morin@whitemtn-bmwclub.org.

Is it too early for flannel sheets?

Michael



Member Spotlight

This Edition: Mark and MB Francoeur

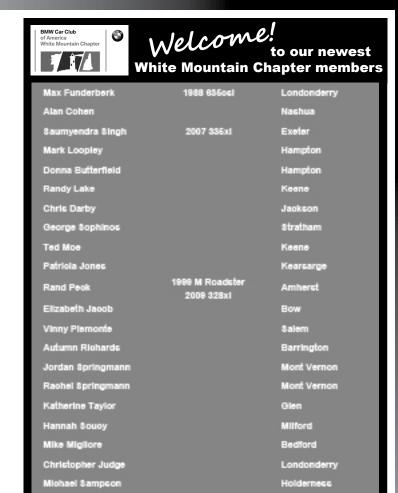
by: Michael Morin, Membership Chair



Mark and MB joined the local chapter in 2003 a 325i but were silent for a number of years. They heard about the organization from a family member who raved about all of the events her local chapter sponsored. Once they attended their first social events meeting they were hooked! Their favorite BMW model is their '05 Z4, a 25th wedding anniversary gift. They love going for summer drives with the top down and would buy another in a heartbeat! When they aren't having fun with other BMW enthusiasts, Mark can be found fishing. MB

likes to play piano and run 5K charity runs. They are both involved in charitable organizations and like kayaking, line dancing and going for day trips.

Want a fellow member in the spotlight? Please email Michael: m.morin@whitemtn-bmwclub.org



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Less that 3 months until Christmas!

How about some BMW Lifestyles merch?

Evan Drouin Paul Bettinger

Reving Up the Idea Engine SEC Planning 2012

by: Cassandra Vorisek-Creto, sec chair

The SEC is in the beginning stages of planning and organizing events for 2012. We are going to be planning the annual Parker's Maple Barn breakfast - a club tradition in its third year. Along with Parker's, we are looking to do another fun road rally... or two! With so many great ideas, we would like to hear from you. Please email me (c.creto@whitemtn-bmwclub. org) with your suggestions, comments or ideas. We really would love to hear from you!

Join us every last Monday of the month at The Common Man in Windham (66 Range Road, Windham, NH) at 6:30pm for the SEC meeting. Chat and have a great dinner (on the club!) while helping the SEC with events, or merely to meet old friends or make new ones.

We are a wonderful group of friendly BMW enthusiasts who like to do fun events with each other and the club as a whole.



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Cool Days, Hot Laps Autumn Action at NHMS

by: Mark Viola, dec chair

There's a chill in the air and the days are getting shorter. Winter will have all the cars hibernating before we know it, but it's not too late to squeeze out a few more days of high performance driving before ceding the season to Mother Nature.

The last ADSS of the year is Oct. 15th. Come join us and hone those car control skills before we find ourselves doing battle on the snow filled roads with the untrained public.

Our End of Summer 3-Day Extravaganza is also on at NHMS for October 21st, 22nd and 23rd. Come join us for one, two or all three days for the last hurrah of 2011 on the track.

This year features two days of exciting club racing mixed in with our normal driving school. Even if you don't feel like driving, come on up and check out all the BMW motorsports action and see what some of this chapter is all about. Saturday's activities will end with a chili dinner provided by the chapters social events team. What a great way to end an exciting fall day at the track! Hope to see you there!









Winter Reunion 2012 A Wonderful Reprieve from Winter

text by: Cassandra Vorisek-Creto, sec chair

here is no better way to brush off the winter blues and post-holiday stress than to attend the club's premier annual social event - Winter Reunion 2012! This coming year's party will be just as wonderful, fun and full of surprises as in the past.

Before you know it, January will roll around, and the club's annual party and charitable fundraising event will be here. As with last year, there is a limit on the number of attendees, so register early to guarantee your seat at the event of the season.

The reunion party will be held on January 21st at The Common Man in Concord (with free valet parking) from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A silent auction and light music entertainment will be a part of the event. In lieu of an actual "act", the entertainment will consist of a two-piece light jazz band. Great music, outstanding food and superb auction items are the highlights of the evening.

The Boys and Girls Clubs in New Hampshire is the chosen charity for the 2012 Reunion. As in the past, the club is raising funds to assist a local charity that services all of New Hampshire. Boys & Girls Clubs have been proudly working with New Hampshire youth since 1906, when the first club opened in Manchester. Today, its seven clubs serve approximately 19,000 members ages 6-18, from 82 NH communities, each year. The New Hampshire Boys and Girls Clubs are based in Concord, Derry, Laconia, Nashua, Manchester, Littleton, Salem and Milford, with many outreach program sites augmenting the club house facilities. The clubs offer programs and activities in five core areas: character and leadership development; education and career development; health and life skills; the arts; sports, fitness and recreation.

To learn more about the Boys and Girls Clubs in New Hampshire, which the White Mountain Chapter is happy to be supporting this year, visit www.nhbgc.com. Even if you are unable to attend, please consider a donation (monetary or otherwise) to the organization. Your efforts will go a long way in helping others in need.

When you arrive at the party, you will have some time socialize with old and new friends during the cocktail hour (cash bar) and the opportunity to look over the many great silent auction items. Remember the proceeds will benefit the New Hampshire Boys and Girls Clubs.

Here is a partial listing of some of the silent auction items that will be available: (Check or cash accepted for silent auction items. Items must be picked up that evening.)

- · Lia Sophia Jewelry
- · Pampered Chef gift basket
- Bavarian Auto gift certificates
- · BMW CCA items
- Arbonne gift basket
- and more!
- High Performance Driving School gift certificate for 2012

Don't forget that the event is limited to 50 people, so register early to guarantee your place at this incredible event. Come for good food, fine conversation, great friends and a casual evening of fun.

Thank you to 3D Auto for their continued support of this important club event as its 5-Series Sponsor. Their dedication to the event and the club is greatly appreciated!

To register for this "must-not-miss" event of the season, simply visit the chapter website, www.wmc-bmwcca.org, in early November, and click on 2012 Winter Reunion.



Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

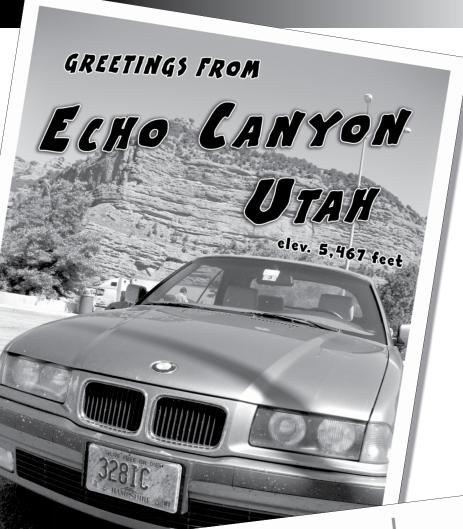
Location: The Common Man

Cost: \$40 per person includes buffet dinner & valet parking

RSVP: early November via the chapter website







Relocating from Bedford, New Hampshire to Reno, Nevada (the Sierra Chapter) is serious work. The first in the family to move was our 1996 328i Convertible, driving the distance over the 4th of July weekend. We made the 2,942 miles in 3 days; actually 46 hours of driving. The old bug-catcher averaged 64 mph, used 109.9 gallons of gas, and got 26.8 miles per gallon. The car performed as a BMW should (flawlessly), even though one day the temperature stayed mostly at 101 degrees F. This was our first BMW, and it is still great fun to drive.

This photo was taken on July 3rd in Echo Canyon, Utah, elevation 5,467 feet. Bug-Catcher's two stable mates (a 2006 X5 4.4 and 2007 328xi Coupe) haven't made the trip yet, but will in October.

The White Mountain Chapter has been great, and I wish you all the best,

Bob Merrill Bedford, NH (soon to be of Reno, NV)



TO:

The White Mountain Chapter

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The "Mary B"

by: Marybeth "MB" Francoeur

A ll through college, I hung a poster of a candy apple red Triumph Spitfire above my desk in my tiny dorm room. At times, I think it was that photo that got me through all the occupational therapy classes that I had to take. I really didn't think that my high school and college boyfriend even saw the poster, nor did I talk about my dream car, I just looked at it constantly. But... fast forward now 28 years.

go car shopping on the weekends, just to look around. Mark says, "Look at that" And then, to everyone's horror, I take one look at the sign and cry (not tears of joy, but those of disbelief). The sign seems innocent enough, however, my name is Marybeth. I take one look at my husband and cry "Who's Brenda?" My husband, so happy going in, as well as the salesman, still have no clue what is going on. Finally, Mark notices the sign and asks



Mark, "MB" and the Mary B

"Congratulations Mark and Brenda"The sign glistens in the dealer's showcase, as lights illuminate a candy apple red brand-spanking new 2005 BMW Z-4 convertible. My husband brings me into the showroom (usually I am complaining that I cannot look at one more car) and I think "Wow, now *that* is the most beautiful car that I have ever seen." Mark is so happy, but then again, we always

I named the car the "Mary B" so that nobody would forget who it was for.



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the salesman to take it off of the podium. Meanwhile I am in a state thinking that my husband bought a car for "Brenda". To boot, my poor husband had the car specially made for me to celebrate our upcoming 25th wedding anniversary. Mark is now saying "It's a mistake" and as I take a breather, I listen. I am humiliated and silenced. What do I do now? Not to miss a beat, I hug my husband and lunge over to the car like a kid on Christmas morning. My mortification ceases immediately. This is way better than the car I dreamed of owning all those years ago. She's just gorgeous and I am very fortunate to own her.

More importantly though, as I write this, I am blessed to have just celebrated our $30^{\rm th}$ wedding anniversary. No drama.

I named the car the "Mary B" so that nobody would forget who it was for.

The 2011 Northeast Exotic Car Show Stuff Dreams are Made of

by: David Harrison, vice president **by:** Paul Michali, webmaster

The 2011 Northeast Exotic Car Show went off without a hitch on Saturday, August 20th in Merrimack, NH. The BMW paddock was full of 28 Bavarian beauties. The day proceeded as planned for the 8th annual gathering to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

As simple as the events of that Saturday seemed to most participants, it was really due to the good planning of the host Viper Club months in advance. The goal this year was to surpass the 300 car attendance of 2010. This goal was exceeded with help of clubs like the BMW CCA. While the White Mountain Chapter played a central part in the planning and organization of the event, club members from MA, VT, RI and ME were in attendance. Thanks goes out to all old and new friends who brought their own personal piece of the BMW family to be displayed.

While everyone brought something to the show, some took away some well earned hardware. The most noticeable BMW attraction on the green was the 1972, Model 2002 of Roy Wicklund from Petersham, MA. It was hard to miss with bright orange paint shining in the sun! The closer your came to the sporty little car, the more impressed you had to be. This was not your father's 2002. A full chassis-off restoration and hand built turbo body kit gave the car a fresh look. Under the hood was a well placed S14 engine originally made for the mighty E30 M3 of the 1980s. Recaro sport seats in cloth set off the interior which was flawless. The judges decided the four and a half years of hard work to make this piece of road art deserved first place in class.

Second place went to Dan Kerman of Atkinson, NH and his 2002, M3. While most of us are struck by how perfect an M3 is right out of Munich. Dan showed us how "more perfect" they can become. Most every car show fan has seen what Dinan parts can do for a car. This car had its share where it









top to bottom: First-in-Class, Roy Wicklund's amazing '72 2002; Dan Kerman's "slightly" modified 2002 Dinan M3; BMW Classic, a prestine 3.0; Best-in-Show, a '57 Ferrari Milli Miglia racer

Many more great photos can be seen in the 2011 NECS photo gallery on the WMC website (www.whitemtn-bmwclub.org/gallery). -ed.

counts for speed. The real surprise of this car was the fiberglass work under the brilliant red paint. Hood, trunk, and both bumpers were custom made by Dan and were unique and seamlessly integrated with the original sheet metal. No easy task, but I now know it can be done given enough motivation and maybe some OCD. Truly a "labor of love" as Dan freely admits.

Other offerings from the blue with white clan included a wide mix of cars spanning 1960 to 2011. Some were modified to the max, others perfectly preserved. Seven series, five series, SAVs, Z3s, M series, and many more models were covered. There were too many to mention here, but a note of gratitude goes out to all participants.

I cannot begin to cover the rest of the show in this column. Let's just say if you are a fan of additional wonder cars, you would not be disappointed. Vipers and Corvettes gathered along with other American icons. Japan was represented by Datsun / Nissan and Toyotas. Porsches, Maseratis, Audis, Lamborghinis, and Mercedes were to be seen in large numbers as well.

The best-in-show (and maybe all of the New England) was a 1957 Ferrari 166mm Milli Miglia race car. The then state-of-the-art car is powered by a 12 cylinder sub 2 liter engine. The light weight car could fly along well over 100 mph. It's hard to imagine racing down country roads at speed in a car devoid of a roll bar, crumple zone, or anything more than aluminum side panels for protection. For that very reason most of the cars from this era were crushed, along with their drivers. Existing examples from this time are rare and this one is estimated to be worth \$5 Million!

This article only briefly conveys the events of Aug 20th at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery and the fun had by all. Next year, mark you calendars to attend with or without your favorite four wheeled companion and see for yourself.

Destination: Isles of ShoalsA BMW Club Cruise of a Different Kind

by: David Harrison, vice president **by:** Paul Michali, webmaster

A cluster of islands nine miles east of Portsmouth, New Hampshire is not a typical destination for a car club. That is why our White Mountain Chapter decided to think outside of the box and take a cruise to the Isles of Shoals this past July 17th.

The Sunday morning started bright and warm. A perfect day to catch a ride on the M/V Thomas Laighton on a relaxing cruise out to Star Island. Honestly, sometimes it is great to leave the driving to someone else. The chapter members kicked back on the top deck to socialize and watch the scenery. Portsmouth is a familiar site to most of us but to see it from the river is a view entirely different. We also watched the yacht club, several forts, light houses, and the Naval Shipyard drift by. The onboard narration pointed out the highlights and history of the seacoast.

Star Island has a grand old hotel which welcomed us for a day of easy going picnics and relaxation. Some of us walked around the island and saw the natural beauty that has been attracting folks from the mainland for over 100 years. Rachelle and I were content to sit on the wide open veranda

with binoculars to watch the birds, waves, and enjoy the cool sea breeze. In such a perfect setting everyone was very friendly and quick to strike up a conversation.

It took an hour or so to journey back to "America" as the original islanders called the mainland. Club members compared stories and impressions of the visit. Paul Michali was able to catch some great photos to share with everyone. They can be seen on the galley section of the chapter website.

When every ship leaves the shoals, the hotel staff assures those departing they will come back. Legend has it anyone leaving the islands always longs to come back and visit. I personally know I will return. If you missed this great opportunity this year, watch in 2012 for the next chance to share a day with chapter members and to enjoy a boat ride to one of New Hampshire's least appreciated treasures.



top to bottom:

Star Island's historic grand hotel;
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Portsmouth Harbor Light at Ft. Constitution; Peter Duffy and family

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Manual Transmission Problem Popping Out of Gear

by: Otto (a.k.a. Gordon Arnold), courtesy of Bavarian Autosport

tto often receives requests for help with a manual transmission that pops out of gear. This most commonly happens when power is applied, or may be so bad that any attempt to drive in the affected gear will cause the shifter to violently snap out of gear. This certainly would not be a clutch problem, nor is it likely a shifter problem. For the shifter to be the cause, it would have to be extremely worn, actually to the point of hitting the console to prevent it from moving far enough to fully engage the "gears" in the transmission. The most common cause for the transmission popping out of gear (any gear) would be a worn guide sleeve and the corresponding shift fork.

The guide sleeves are the units that move on the transmission gear shafts to engage the synchronizers and lock in the selected gears. The sleeves look like gears but have no teeth on the outer surface. Instead they have a groove cut around the outside. A U-shaped fork fits into the groove and the fork is operated by the shifting rods, moving forward and back to move the guide sleeves. With age, the forks and the grooves in the sleeves will wear. If enough wear occurs, the sleeves will not fully lock the synchronizers into the gears, resulting in the selected gear "popping out". The sleeves and forks will experience accelerated wear due to dirty fluid (not changed often enough), low fluid, incorrect fluid and overheating. Here is a perfect case for regular fluid changes, using synthetic fluid and installing a high-power magnetic drain plug.

The straightforward repair for this problem is simply to replace the offending guide sleeve and its shift fork. While this certainly can be done, these parts are moderately expensive and there is likely other wear that should be addressed if the transmission is already going to be opened up, such as other guide sleeves and forks, the synchronizers, bearings, etc.

Bavarian Autosport (www.bavauto.com or 800-535-2002) can order any, and all, of the parts required to rebuild your transmission. You would need the applicable guide sleeve, shift fork and the gaskets and seals - as a minimum. As noted above, a full inspection should be done as to the condition of the synchronizers, bearings, etc.





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Fig. 1



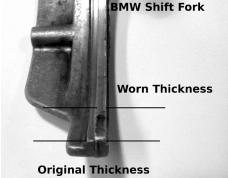


Fig. 4

Fig. 2

Figs. 1 & 2 - Using a quality synthetic transmission fluid and a high-power magnetic drain plug are always wise.

Figs. 3 & 4 -

A worn shift fork. This one was popping out of gear. Unfortunately, not shown is the guide sleeve to which this fork was mated; it would have shown significant wear on the sleeve.



www.whitemtn-bmwclub.org/calendar.html

Sunday October 2nd, 2011 8:00am - 2:00pm Bavarian Autosport Show and 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 at Bavarian Autosport's world headquarters in Portsmouth, NH. Questions? Contact (800) 535-2002. COST: FREE w/ Compilmentary Drinks and BBQ, -RSVP

Saturday October 15th, 2011 8:00am - 5:00pm Advanced Driving Safety Skills School

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Friday October 21st, 2011 through Sunday October 23rd, 2011 7:00am - 4:00pm

End Of Summer Driving School

This three day school and BMWCCA Club Race at NHMS is your last chance for track time this year. This is a joint event with the Boston Chapter, hosted by our chapter this year. New Hampshire Motor Speedway Loudon, NH. COST: \$200/\$375/\$525 (1-3DAYS). Register online now until 10/15/11.

Monday October 31st, 2011 6:30pm - 8:30pm Social Event Committee Meeting

Join the Social Events Committee in planning for up-coming events. New committee members are always welcome. Meeting location is The Common Man of Windham COST: FREE Food and Drinks - RSVP

Friday November 4th, 2011 5:00pm **Profile submission deadline**

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Monday November 14th, 2011 6:30pm - 9:00pm Chapter Business/Membership Meeting

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Monday November 28th, 2011 6:30pm - 8:30pm Social Event Committee Meeting

Join the Social Events Committee in planning for up-coming events. New committee members are always welcome. Meeting location is The Common Man of Windham COST: FREE Food and Drinks - RSVP

Monday December 12th, 2011 6:30pm - 9:00pm Chapter Business/Membership Meeting

Come join us for engaging conversation, camaraderie, and a free light dinner and drinks at our monthly meeting. This month's meeting location is at the Common Man restaurant of Concord COST: FREE Food, Drinks & Valet Parking - RSVP

Friday January 6th, 2012 5:00pm

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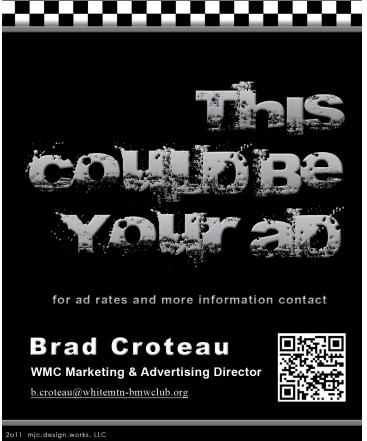
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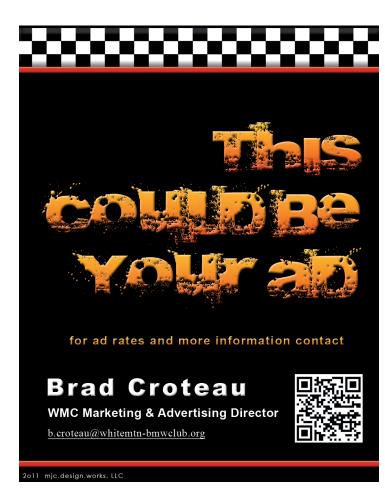






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