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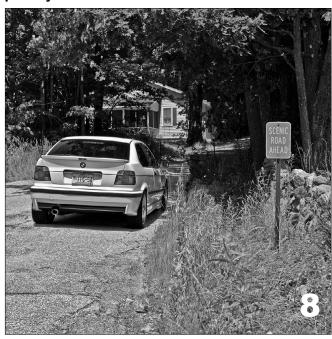
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Martin Callahan's 1995 318ti in a photo that ideally sums up the flavor of this year's Back Roads Rally which followed some great back roads to some great back road roadside attractions in the picturesque Lake Sunapee Region.

Event planners Wayne Petersen and his wife Judy mapped out a stellar route that generated many smiles and proved worthy of countless camera shutter clicks.

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See you soon,

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Chapter Membership

Bring on the Dog Days

by: Michael Morin, WMC membership chair

Seasons change. Right now, we're smack dab in the middle of summer. Change is not around the corner. I hereby do declare the Dog Days of Summer. It's the time for washing and waxing, kicking up your feet and drinking Arnold Palmers on the lawn. Of course, you need to enjoy it while it lasts. I love the scorching sun and the afternoon thundershowers. It's a seasonal thing. That's why I'm glad I went to the Dine & Drive at Kimball Farms in Jaffrey with the club. Who doesn't like fresh, locally made ice cream on a hot summer day? Let's not forget our cruise to New Hampshire's 9-island archipelago.

Now, if you'll join me sipping an Arnold Palmer while I highlight our membership activities. Currently, we've got 651 likes, fans and followers. Over 90% of our members reside in New Hampshire, of course; however, we've got members in California, Tennessee, Texas and even Canada. To the right, you can see the new member list. Please join me in welcoming our new members. Recently we sponsored a Street Survival school at NHMS for new drivers. Some of our new members have joined because of that school.

How do you pronounce Quechee?,

Michael

Chapter Membership Discounts galore!

by: Michael Morin

don't want you to think that the only discounts we offer are the ones from our local advertisers and sponsors. Besides the 20% discount at Ira BMW of Stratham and BMW of Peabody and 10% at Tulley BMW, we offer all these discounts below. Check them out and let them know you're a member!



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Social Events Committee More Fun More Often!

by: Cassandra Vorisek-Creto, sec chair

There are very few opportunities one has in this world to have fun and enjoy the company of other like minded people - as in this case, anyone who likes (or loves) BMWs and all things BMW. Our chapter offers such a opportunities - regularly! No matter if you are new to the club, have been a member for many years or simply want to explore other options within the club, attending a Social Events Committee (SEC) meeting or event is the perfect venue and anytime is the perfect time. Over and over again, remarks come back from those who have attended events on how much fun was had, so why wait?

The SEC consists of a group of dedicated and great people who strive to continually raise the bar and create great events - not to mention some of the best and stress-free meetings! The list of many who have contributed and continue to contribute to this committee is long, and I would like to take a moment to thank everyone involved for their dedication and hard work. If I were to name everyone, the list would fill the Profile! To see the current list of great SEC members, visit the SEC link on the chapter's website (www.WhiteMtn-BMWClub.org).

Speaking of fun, here are some of the exciting upcoming events the SEC has planned for 2012: Back Roads Rally, monthly Drive and Dine, Mini Road Trip to Simon Pearce Glass Factory in Vermont

We are also already underway with planning for the next Winter Reunionsave the date; it's already pegged: January 19, 2013. If you own a business or know someone who would like to be a sponsor or silent auction donor, please contact me (c.creto@whitemtn-bmwclub.org).

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So come and join us for an event (see website for listings, dates and times) and enjoy a free light dinner at one of monthly SEC meetings. We really would love to have you!

What's Still Coming Up with the SEC in

2012

August 26th

Drive and Dine to the Shaker Village in Canterbury

August 27th

Monthly SEC Meeting at the Common Man in Windam

September ?th (TBA)

Drive and Dine to the Simon Pearce Factory in Quechee. VT

September 24th

Monthly SEC Meeting at the Common Man in Windam

October 7th

Bavarian Autosport's Show and Shine in Portsmouth

October 30th

Monthly SEC Meeting at the Common Man in Windam

October ?th (TBA)

Drive and Dine location still to be announced

November 1st

Online registration opens for the 2013 Winter Reunion

November 26th

Monthly SEC Meeting at the Common Man in Windam

November ?th (TBA)

Drive and Dine location still to be announced

December ?th (TBA)

Drive and Dine location still to be announced

NOTE: There is no SEC meeting scheduled for December

When Getting There is But Half the Fun Drive and Dine Every Month with the WMC

by: Cassandra Vorisek-Creto, sec chair

photos by: Paul Michali

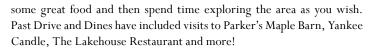
Have you attended a Drive and Dine, one of the club's newest programs, yet? If not, this is the time to do so! What is Drive and Dine? It is a great way to explore some great new roads en route to (re) visiting some of New Hampshire's (and other New England locations) most unique, fun and interesting eateries. Join friends, old and new, for

Drive & Dine
2012

August 26th
Shaker Village, Canterbury, NH

September (date TBA)
Simon Pearce Factory, Quechee, VT

October (date TBA)
Your suggestion???



These are great opportunities for a family outing, to take that special someone on a fun excursion, or simply get out of the house by yourself and meet some wonderful people. Cannot make the dining part? Still come and spend a little time exploring each location and what it has to offer. So many ways to spend the afternoon or day! You can't be disappointed.

For details regarding upcoming Drive and Dine events or any Social event, visit the club's website, www.wmc-bmwcca.org. And as always, we'd love to see you at the next SEC planning meeting. We meet once a month, and a light dinner is on us! Check the calendar for specifics. Hope to see you soon.











2012 Northeast Exotics Car Show Canceled Event Future Uncertain

by: David Harrison, vice president



The Northeast Exotic Car Show for 2012 has been canceled by the event organizers. This spectacular annual show, held on the beautiful grounds of the Anheuser-Busch Brewery, has been a staple event of the White Mountain Chapter as well as other prominant car clubs and it will be missed. Many thanks

to all of you who attended over the years and contributed to the Make-A-Wish Foundation through your participation.

At the time this bulletin was submitted for publication, nothing more was known, and it wasn't clear if the show's cancellation is indefinite or if it will return again in 2013. Relavent updates will be posted on the WMC chapter website.

Picture Perfect Cruise Through the Lake Sunapee Region **Back Roads Rally 2012**

by: Wayne Petersen

X Thile thousands of New Englanders stood baking on sweltering tarmac, straining their necks to watch the Blue Angles air show

in Portsmouth on Saturday, June 30th, a group of BMW enthusiasts prefered rather the opportinity to roam the scenic byways of New Hampshire's picturesque Lake Sunapee Region, the choice location for this year's Back Roads Rally. Wether the a/c was cranked, or the wind blew in the hair, it was a picture-perfect day with clear blue skies, lots of sunshine and a pleasant warm summer breeze. This year the rally was a non-competition event, with memories of the scenic byways and stops along the way being the only prizes taken home by all.

The first to arrive at the starting parking lot in Concord was a beautiful sterling grey metallic Z3 from Keene. After a brief orientation, this experienced rally couple was off on their adventure with instructions in hand. A steady array of fine looking BMWs followed including a stunning 1973 BMW 3.0 CSL owned by a couple from Maine and one sparkling blue Prius. By 10:15 everyone was on their way including two cars with unique navigators. There was four-year-old Maggie who

participant, certain that the grazing bison at Yankee Farmer's Market in Warner are the first "Micky Marker" of the rally.

"helped" Daddy with the rally instructions and was anxious to see if the day would shape up to be anything like the Disney Road Rally story on her iPad. And there was the BMW wagon, with the license plate WAGGIN', with a four-legged passenger who could not read (perhaps he could, but we didn't understand him) who served as an early warning system for wildlife on the road that awaited a number of the rallyers.

The rally started off with a quick run up I-89 and off the exit to Rt. 103. Just north of Warner, on a scenic back road, progress of a few cars was slowed unexpectedly by a baby moose standing in the middle of the road; just like planned it! Everyone who stopped at the Muster Field Farm Museum enjoyed the visit and I suspect many will return for Farm Days August

Four-year-old Maggie was anxious to see if the day would be anything like the **Disney Road Rally**



Maggie Callahan, most likely the youngest ever Back Roads Rally end of summer.



25-26 or Harvest Day September 30. The Haunting Whisper Vineyards has more room in their cellars now, after a few voyagers loaded up with some of their vino. Apparently no one in the rally made any large furniture purchases at the three story Prospect Hill Antiques Horse Barn but it sure

was fun looking at the huge inventory of antique furniture and decorative accessories. Several of us made the stop at the Lake Sunapee Harbor for a snack and personal pit stop. And while no one made a stop at the Mt. Sunapee Ski resort or state park beach, mostly due to time constraints, some said they'll definitely return to the Fells Historic Estate & Gardens for a leisurely tour before the

After our group used more than our fair share of the diminishing commodity, gasoline, (except maybe for the



Prius) it was only appropriate that we assembled around a table in the Flying Goose Brew Pub & Grille in New London, - the first solar powered brewery in New Hampshire. From a large table, we enjoyed a great view of Mt. Kearsarge, raised glasses, exchanged tales and shared pictures of our journey. Everyone made the circuit without getting (too) lost in spite of my instructions that stated to drive RT. 4 NORTH when in actuality the route was Rt. 4 WEST. My apologies to all! My defense is if you look at New Hampshire map, RT4 goes East-West but RT 4A goes North-South yet they sort of parallel each other. And I thought only Boston roads were laid out by cows and drunken sailors



photo: Michael Morin



photo: Andrew Wilson



photo: Michael Morin









A great day for driving and the drive great (according to the many smiling participants at the end). New friends were made and interesting places discovered – many to

be reconnected in the future. If you were there, you know what I mean, and if you weren't, your loss. So when you read about the next Back Roads Rally, be sure to save the day, sign up and join us

for a day of friends, fun and adventure.

Check out many more photos of the rally posted in the photo gallery on the chapter website: www.wmc-bmwcca.org.



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24 Hours of Lemons It's Not Just for Rich Idiots - It's for All Idiots

by: Paul Michali

The roar of engines. The smell of brakes and rubber. The intensity of the competitors in the air. Pit crews scrambling about, frantically working on the cars. Racers with sharp focus on the track, their line, and the competitors. The crowds standing on the bleachers, trying to follow their favorite team (or teams). The car with the turtle sandbox and ACME rocket attached!?

No, this is not NASCAR, by any stretch of the term. It was the 24 Hours of Lemons event, held at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway on May 5th – 7th. Clearly not a high stakes race, with the grand prize paid in rolls of nickels, it was a race nevertheless, and exciting in its own way.

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Lemons, requires that teams purchase a car for \$500 or less, add the necessary safety equipment, and then they can race. No license, no training, nothing! You'd expect visions of Mad Max or Death Race, with massive pile ups and carnage out there, but actually things are surprisingly well mannered.

Granted, race control and the professional flaggers keep a keen eye out for any contact and the "judges" will rain down outrageously funny (at least to the spectators) penalties for contact, and the like. It really is like a typical road race, only with crappy cars that are outlandishly decorated, the entertaining handling of rules infractions, and hilarious prizes awarded at the end of the race.

This year included several teams with members from the BMW CCA's White Mountain Chapter, Boston Chapter, and Green Mountain Chapter as well as from the Audi club and others. Lots of "weekend warriors" out having fun and exercising their passion to race.

For the spectators, 24 Hours of Lemons race is a great event to experience. With lots of things going on, a whole family can enjoy the event. You get to see thrilling racing on the track up close from many vantage points, wander through the busy garages and talk to race teams, listen to endless bench racing stories, and enjoy watching what happens to the racecars in the "penalty box".



The great thing is, if you missed this event for yourself, there will be another 24 Hours of Lemons race at NHMS this coming fall, October 26th-28th. With an in-field day pass costing \$20, and a full weekend pass only \$30, it is an inexpensive way to see some very entertaining amateur racing, with racers and pit crews you could easily get autographs from!









CruiZing Top Down, Wind in Hair, Smile on Face

by: Wayne Petersen







The assembly of cars had license plates such as ZBREEZE, HAWKZ3, DAS Z42 and JCZ3, giving you a clue as to the identity of the gathering of BMWs this past May in the Catskills of New York State.

It was a perfect top-down-Saturday morning when we drove to the meeting point; an empty parking lot just a few blocks from downtown Woodstock. My wife Judy and I were early and wondering if we were in the right place when a steel grey Z3 with New York plates drove in followed by an oxford green Z3, then a striking blue Z4 (I knew we are in the right place then) and a bright red Z4 followed. Cars bearing bug splattered license plates from New York, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire flowed in forming two rows of roadsters in the middle of this grey graveled parking lot. The quiet parking lot soon buzzed with emerging drivers and passengers greeting past acquaintances and introducing themselves to new members of this group, snapping pictures and pointing to various car parts. You could have easily thought that this was just a group of silver haired couples there to stand around and show-off their cars, but the fun was only beginning. After a short drivers meeting we enthusiastically strode back to our machines. Sunglasses on, hats adjusted, seatbelts tightened (perhaps some pants belts loosened), we jockeyed for

position as we funneled out the exit. Passing through town, heads turned and eyes rose as our group of Zs stretched out looking like sled dogs anxious to run.

This was the seventh year that Erv and Marge

Farnett of Woodstock, NY had hosted the "CruiZe Weekend". Their yearlong detailed planning showed in the exciting driving routes, interesting stops and eateries. This was not an event put together in the spur of a moment; as far back as January, the first weekly Sunday Newsletter started revealing the ongoing plans of this May adventure in the Catskills. In the end, the "Call to the CruiZe" for Z3 and Z4 owners yielded an impressive 25 cars that beautiful morning in Woodstock.

We were 'rookies' in this congregation and knew only one other couple but were warmly welcomed as cars settled and the occupants became acquaintances and soon many friends. While the price of admission for this gathering is a BMW Z, the true camaraderie of the men and women here was the love of driving our Z roadsters to new undiscovered places.

Convoy driving did not allow us to let the tires chirp on the curves or let the speedometer go beyond 12 o'clock; rather the scenic views and togetherness were the focus of the weekend, not the asphalt. The driving route took us over the Hudson River and onto the Taconic State Parkway

and featured some great vistas before we stopped at the Chuang Yen Monastery. We were schooled a bit about Buddhism as we toured several buildings; the most impressive being the Great Buddha Hall containing a 37- foot statue of the Buddha Viarocana encircled by 10,000 small Buddha statues. (We were scheduled to have a lunch supplied by the monastery but the week prior, over 150 people there fell ill. It was suspected that food brought in for that weekend's Mother's Day celebration was at fault. We choose not to chance it.)

It was a quick half hour drive to Boscobel, where we all parked single file at the tree lined entrance to the house — an impressive sight that many, even the staff and other visitors photographed. The early 1800's house and gardens are situated on the east bank of the Hudson River opposite West Point with dramatic views up and down the Hudson River. After enjoying some time on the grounds we drove back to Woodstock. Along the way there were several opportunities to see almost all 25 cars in the convoy and as we passed through numerous small towns. Many people along the way, from men on mowers to kids on bikes, often stopped to stare and wave. I came to realize, we were not just a convoy of Zs but a Z parade!!

Sunday dawned as beautiful as the day before. The assembly of cars was no

less thrilling to see on day two, but the talk that morning was of the journey of the day before. The convoy/parade rolled out and soon found itself on the famous Platt Cove Road. This is a 1.8 mile paved, twisty, former

Convoy driving did not chirp the tires chirp on curves or let the speedo go beyond 12 o'clock

logging road that gains 1900 feet in elevation with sometimes 20% grades. Low gear and no sight-seeing for the driver, but what a view from the top! Afterwards, our Z parade sped through the peaks and valleys stretching out across the Hudson River again, - destination Olana. This Persian style residence and landscape, created by Hudson River School artist Fredric Edwin Church, is an awe inspiring house, inside and out, with spectacular vistas. A quick run to Hudson followed, where a final lunch was enjoyed by all before we parted for our home bases.

Not wanting to waste a moment of the perfect weather, and not wanting the weekend be over quite yet, we, along with four other Z3s heading east, plotted our route home seaking out the most scenic and challenging asphalt we could.

The sporty roadsters, the warm sun, the open road, the wind in my hair, the scenic places that unfolded around every corner and the one I love sitting beside me. It was a real life fairy tale weekend. See you all again next year!

SUV With an Identity Crisis Mini Countryman with AWD

by: David Harrison



The MINI Countryman - a wonderful orange grown in Austria.

here is a new Utility Vehicle in the BMW family and it comes in the form of a MINI. As most people reading the Profile know, MINI is owned by BMW so any news on that subject is of at least some consideration for the greater BMW CCA audience.

Since 2001 MINI has cultivated an image of a car built by English craftsmen wearing tweed and sipping tea from fine china cups. These fun loving cars are occasionally even seen with the entire roof adorned by the British flag. Very prim and proper as the Brits would say.

Things are never that simple in the automotive world. Mini is actually con-

trolled by, and reports to, the Bavarians just like Rolls Royce. Land Royer used to be the triple crown in the UK until BMW sold the brand in 2000. MINI in many ways remains the English ward of a BMW guardian.

Ever since the roll out of the MINI I have

tried to like the little cars. Our club has quite a few members driving them. Friends had me overlook the cute factor by driving at track events and taunting me with impressive weight to power ratios. Sarah who runs the "MINIs on Top" event has even taken her stock Cooper S officially to 125 MPH at Bonneville. I've also figured out that the line up includes seven models. The original MINI Cooper, Clubman, and Coupe come in three versions. The basic model, the turbo charged S, and the John Cooper Works (what BMW would call an M car).

As much as I looked and drove MINIs in original or Clubman configuration, I never really connected with the handling of the front wheel drive. I would chirp the tires and the steering did strange things when I got on the power. Every car is different and takes some getting used to and I knew that. I was just not willing to spend the time and effort when my BMWs just seem so familiar and predictable.

Fast forward to 2011 when I read about the all wheel drive (AWD) option on the new Countryman by MINI. I have no bias against well built Utility Vehicles. There is already an X3 in my driveway and the in-laws let me drive their X5. Maybe this would be the vehicle to change my mind about

British made cars. Off I went to MINI of Bedford for a test drive.

Lucky the dealer had several Countrymans (Countrymen?) on the lot. They are easy to spot since they stand out like Zdeno Chara at a Bruins game. The CM was taller and longer than all the other MINIs. No monster truck, but not "too cute" in my eyes. This MINI looked like it has some testosterone. I needed a closer look.

The first thing I noticed reading the window sticker is the vehicle is made in Austria! That is the same as my 2006 BMW X3. Upon closer inspection, the seat belts have a BMW logo. The cigarette lighter says "made

in Germany". Engine parts are also made The Countryman is easy to spot, by BMW and so are many other pieces. This car is as British as Arnold Schwarzenegger! All of this was a small detail left out by the advertising department. One question remained, how does it drive and would it re-

standing out like Zdeno Chara a Bruins game

> semble its German father, British stepmother, or Austrian birthmother? There was only one way to find out.

> Right out of the gate I gave MINI credit for providing what BMW used to call a "standard" transmission requiring the use of the right hand, left foot and your brain. Try finding one of those on the local BMW lot. CMs with automatics are available for the elderly, infirmed, or anyone who commutes to Boston, but in MINIland they are the exception. This alone scored high on the "fun to drive scale" as does the interior. The disappointment only came during the test drive.

> While the CM is capable of AWD, it doesn't give it to you on demand. The ute is going to give you two wheel drive until it deems road conditions require power to all four corners. This negates the push and pull effect I'm used to in BMWs with AWD. The real frustration is that the CM sends the power to the *front* wheels in standard operation not the rear. So much for a chance to finally find a MINI to drive and handle like a BMW.

> As they say, some folks like apples and some like oranges. If you crave citrus, MINI has the best oranges for sale. I'll just stick to the apples from Bavaria that I've grown to love.

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Monday August 13th, 2012 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 Airport Diner of Manchester, COST: FREE Food and Drinks - RSVP

Saturday August 18th, 2012 *** CANCELED *** Northeast Exotic Car Show

Regrettably, this show has been canceled for 2012. (See page 7).



Monday August 27th, 2012 6:30pm - 8:30pm Social Event Committee Meeting

Join the SEC 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 September 7th, 2012 5:00pm Profile submission deadline

All general content (excluding ads) to be considered for inclusion in the Oct/Nov Profile must be received by the copy collection editor. Submissions and questions to editor@whitemtn-bmwclub.org.

Saturday September 15th, 2012 8:30am - 5:00pm Tire Rack Street Survival School

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Monday September 24th, 2012 6:30pm - 8:30pm Social Event Committee Meeting

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Sunday October 7th, 2012 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 BavAuto World Head-quarters in Portsmouth, NH. Questions? Contact (800) 535-2002. COST: FREE w/ Compilmentary Drinks and BBQ - RSVP

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Friday October 19th, 2012 through Sunday October 21st. 2012

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High Performance Driving School at NHMS.

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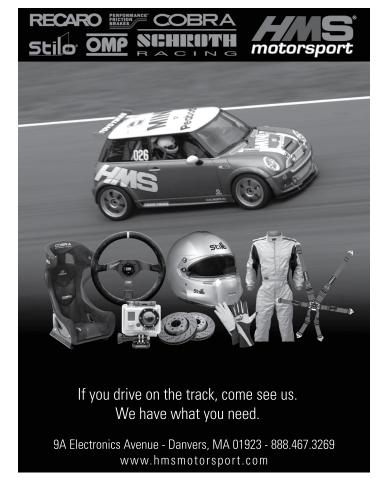
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