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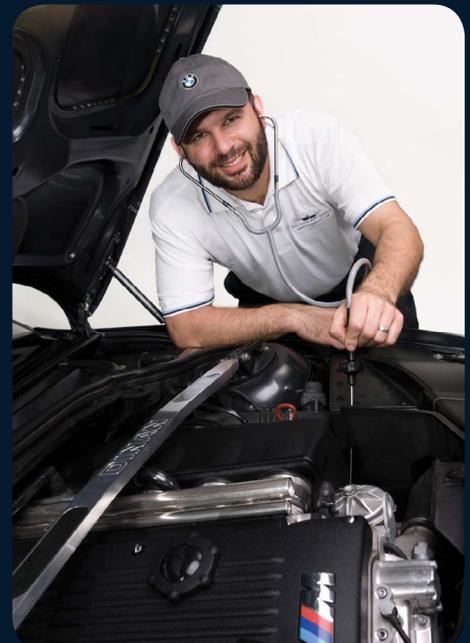


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How much fun can you have with friends sharing their classic cars on some of the best roads in America? To find out, you could drive the Targa California yourself next year, or you could ask Stan Chamallas who had an opportunity to drive it this year in his friend's 1969 "Neue Klasse Coupé" 2000.

Open to vintage cars of 1975 and older, the Targa California started in Glendale and twisted north almost 1000 miles over fantastic roads for three days. Learn more about it at: www.targacalifornia.com

about the Profile:

The Profile is published every two months. Club members are encouraged to submit BMW and/or club related articles and photos for publication. **No submission is too short, really. Even if it's just a paragraph or two, send it in!** Longer features are certainly welcome as well. All submissions must be digital, and all images must be submitted at their highest available resolution.

Submission deadlines are always the first Friday of the month prior to the newsletter issue (i.e. deadline is in May for the June/July issue). Send all submissions or questions to the copy collection editor. For information on advertising in *the Profile*, contact the newsletter advertising manager.

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It is good to be the King ...or at Least the Chapter President

by: David Harrison , WMC president

Being the chapter president, let me tell you about the great treatment and benefits I get. For example, every time I walk into the dealerships they always greet me. When I go to the parts counter I receive up to 20% off the standard price. That saves me a bundle. I just saved \$24 dollars on a set of floor mats. And that's peanuts compared to the \$1500 I can get from BMW should I decide buy a new 7-series I've seen in the showroom.

Then there are the Chapter meetings and Social Events Committee meetings where I get a free meal courtesy of the chapter. If you haven't tried them, the Common Man restaurants make some great pizzas and burgers- I just refuse to let their valets park my car after having watched *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*.

This last March, BMW CCA National even sent me to beautiful Newark, NJ. They flew me there, were I spent two nights at the Hilton with all meals and room provided. It's always nice to get away for a few days and hang out with other CCA members from the North East region.

I also receive the most current information on many great BMWs for sale by members all across the country. These are typically cars that have been babied and cared for by owners as obsessed with their rides as I am. That's how I found a Dinan 540i for sale in Connecticut that was looking for a



What a life.

good home. The owner had all the receipts, car history, and was willing to deal on the spot. I scored one sweet car with my connections!

Whenever I go to a track event I am welcomed by all the volunteers. They let me hang out in the pits, show me secrets to setting up a proper car for road or track, and give me tours of the facilities. Of course for a price I can also get a full day's driving lesson from a certified instructor. Sometimes it's just fun though to watch the other drivers work over the course.

Anytime I feel like taking a drive to show off my car, I can access the schedule for local and far away BMW events. Notices are always coming to me or I can find great events in a minute online. If I need more information on a drive, cookout, or car show, I have countless contacts at my fingertips. What a life.

As great as these benefits are, I have to admit though, they are *not* exclusive to the Chapter President. Everything I enjoy is available to *all* members of the chapter. So take a look at the website and sign up to participate, volunteer, or just visit some of our upcoming events. You too can be treated like a king (or President).

Hope to see you soon,

David

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Chapter Membership

Turning over a new leaf

by: Michael Morin, WMC membership chair

Are you ready? It's now June and if you haven't jumped into driving season headfirst by now, what's stopping you? We're already in high gear at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. For those of us who prefer life in the cruising lane, the social events committee has had a few Drive & Dine events this year already. The summer weather countdown is ticking. Don't let time run out this year. Join us!

On the membership news front, the White Mountain Chapter has a net of 11 additional members with 28 new members. One new member is from Vermont and the rest in New Hampshire. Hillsborough maintains the highest number of members at 34% and Rockingham a close 2nd at 32%. Here are the town ranking with Nashua being in the top spot: 2) Manchester, Bedford 4) Windham, Amherst 6) Hollis, Merrimack, Londonderry 9) Hudson 10) Concord, Bow, Derry, Hanover.

With the numbers out of the way, I want to remind you all that your email address is very important to your membership. **Approximately 120 members have not updated electronic contact information.** If you change internet service providers, your email address needs to be changed with the organization. We regularly get bounced emails whenever we send out event updates. Help us make the works more efficient for us.

Photoshopping my winter belly out of photos,

Michael

Check us out online!



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Welcome!
to our newest
White Mountain Chapter members

Kurt Meyerrose	*	Alstead
Patrick Murphy	*	Kensington
Alexandra Milne	*	West Danville, VT
Katherine Dzenis	*	Londonderry
John Holmes	*	Bow
Hannah Morgan	*	Farmington
Jimmy Spalding	*	Milford
Jacinda Williams	*	Bedford
Corey Sheckler	2004 330ci 1997 328is	Newmarket
David Abjornson	*	Campton
Peter DeGelleke	*	Amherst
David Paine	2001 740i 2001 525i 1997 M3	Newbury
Levi Riel	1986 325e	Loudon
Roland Gagnon	2002 745i	Amherst
Jon Rich	2006 Z4 M	Belmont
Michael Marion	2002 530i 1990 325i	Nashua
Alessio Bares	*	Londonderry
Vittorio Bares	*	Londonderry
Peter Crutchley	1998 M3	Merrimack
Michelle Blake	2006 330i	Nashua
Brian Noel	1987 325e	Somersworth
Donald Cloutier	*	Exeter
Philip Shaw	*	Manchester
Rupert Richardson	*	Exeter
Syd Rouleau	1992 318ic	Alton
Timothy Huckins	*	Franklin
Karen Peters	*	Franklin
Kathy Sommer	*	Seabrook

club membership



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Viewable in full color and size at: www.WhiteMtn-BMWClub.org/gallery



Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013 - 8:30am
New Hampshire Motor Speedway
Cost: \$75

See page 12
or the chapter
website for more
information.

Expand Your BMW Passion See What the Social Events Committee Is Offering You!

Love BMWs? Like making new friends and sharing good times with old ones? Then enjoy the company of other like minded people who enjoy not only a good time, but all things BMW.

If you haven't recently, you really should attend an upcoming SEC meeting and see what the SEC is all about. -And dinner will be on the club! It can't get much better than that. Dates for 2013 meetings and other events are posted on the chapter calendar - see page 13 and the chapter website.

Due to declining interest, the SEC has decided to temporarily suspend the regularly scheduled Drive & Dines. If you'd like to see them back on the calendar, or if you have ideas for other events that other club members might be interested in, let the SEC know! Fresh ideas, interest and inspiration are always very welcome. Drop in at any SEC dinner meeting or contact Casandra, the SEC chair at:

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Memories of past Drive & Dines. And where were you?



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My Quarter Million Mile Plus 1996 BMW 328i So Much More than the Sum of its Parts

by: Pete

My friends, relatives and colleagues all know of my affection for BMWs. But it wasn't always like that. I didn't grow up idolizing the 2002 or the M3, -in the late '80s it was IROC-Zs and 5.0 Mustangs.

might be a bit more common in Florida or California where winters are more "agreeable" for cars, but not so much in the Granite State. My admiration for the car has only grown. For 13 years "The Bullet"



Despite the cheesy-ness of the cliché, The Bavarian Bullet's beauty really is much more than skin deep.

My first drive in a BMW was almost accidental. Flashback to December 1999.

My 1983 Saab 900 is on its last leg. It needs some major work yet again and with 200,000 miles on the odometer it is time to let it go. But I've been waiting for this time to come for a while—saving my money and reading car magazines cover-to-cover, agonizing over the purchase of my first new - or at least decent - car. So I start test-driving almost any car with sporting aspirations: a GTI, a Prelude, an Eclipse etc., etc.; about ten cars in all. Many of you have probably done the same thing. (I still cannot believe some people test drive only two or three cars before buying one. What is wrong with them!?)

Since I still have an affection for the solidity of my old Saab, I decide to try out a lightly used 900 Turbo. Ho-hum. But on the sales lot is also a '96 BMW 328i 5 speed. "Mind if I take this out for a spin?" I ask the salesman. "Sure, you can take it out alone". Within two minutes I am hooked. It isn't just the performance of the car that impresses me during that first drive, it is how the whole car seems to work together - perfectly. As the old saying goes, the BMW is clearly more than the sum of its parts.

I don't end up buying that particular car but a while later I find a nice silver one at Concord Motorsport which I do buy - eagerly. I name it "The Bavarian Bullet".

That was over 13 years and 250,000 miles ago. Yes, I'm still driving that same E36. When people find out that I drive a 17 year-old car with 290,000 miles on it, they smirk and shake their heads. This

has been my driving companion through triple-digit blitzes, stop-and-go Boston traffic, 100 degree heat, -20 degree cold, through rain and snow and hail, through driving schools and daycare drop-offs. It's never let me down, never left me stranded, never not started and never left me wanting for another car. People have given up asking me when I'll get another car. Why should I? This one's 100% reliable, cheap to register and insure and fits my lifestyle well. I don't have to worry about it getting scratched up or getting stolen. It's been paid off for over 10 years. It has "traditional" BMW styling. And most of all, it's still a hoot to drive.

I've driven other people's newer cars and I'm not impressed. I don't need GPS or an SMG transmission or 4-wheel drive—although a functioning A/C system would be nice. "Just wait till it snows" they say. No problem. With four good Blizzaks I can get through anything.

At first glance The Bullet doesn't look so hot. It's usually dirty, has dings and dents all over and there's rust on every body panel. But the interior is nice. The hard plastic and all the leather has held up well. And it drives great! The overhauled Bilstein suspension is buttoned down, the steering is nice and tight, it shifts and brakes well and of course the inline-6 engine still sings and pulls hard.

The day is coming when some necessary repair will cost more than the car is worth and I'll consider retiring The Bullet. (Picture Jackie Gleason in his trashed Pontiac cop car in the final scene of *Smokey and the Bandit*: "I'm not giving up!"). But for now the old warhorse will soldier on, -driven and appreciated the way a BMW should be.

13 years

250,000 miles

"I'm not giving up!"

2013 BMW CCA Congress New Perspectives, Fresh Ideas for Improving the Club

text by: David Harrison, president
photos by: Johann Wrede, treasurer

This year's CCA Annual Congress was held on March 23 and 24 in beautiful Newark, NJ. Typically the Congress is held as one national event with attendees joining together to represent all chapters from across the country. This year the meetings were regionalized to specific sections, ours being the North Atlantic region.

As our regional president, John Sullivan chose NJ. He picked an air travel hub to better accommodate those of us not wanting to plan a road trip in March. A few chapters did make the drive including Green Mt (VT), Patroon (Albany), and of course the NY and NJ chapters. The locals promised us the Garden State does show better if you are not within site and sound of the airport and interstate.

Johann Wrede and I represented the White Mountain Chapter as President and

Treasurer. We both attended all the conferences and had a great time socializing with our counterparts. The brainstorming sessions focused on ideas such as "BMW CCA Strategic Planning, Member Satisfaction, Communication,

Sponsorship, Social Media, and Marketing. While none of these topics on their own are utterly thrilling, in total everyone came away with new perspectives and fresh ideas. Both regional and national officers rolled out information and workshops promoting lessons learned and pitfalls to avoid.

While two days of information is too much to publish in this article, Johann and I plan to pass on wisdom gained to the chapter population in the days to come and look forward to continuing to work with the other chapters and their members, just not in Newark.



Maybe not the most scenic spot in New Jersey for BMW nuts, but well worth the trip nonetheless.

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On Track Performance A Puzzle for HPDS Junkies

by: Martin Callahan, editor

Down

1. event run down
3. sweet spot
4. all done for now
5. paddock "jewelry"
6. unconventional course
8. eyes around track
9. slow slightly
12. course of travel
13. turn start
14. flying yellow
16. central command
17. location of theory
19. cue spot
20. have small shoes
22. applied experience
26. runs together
28. after apex
29. air in tire
30. parking lot
32. reference mark
33. turn the car
34. left or right
37. go by

Across

2. not a turn
7. soft pedal
10. tire potential diagram
11. you, pull in
14. last one
15. what HPDS should be
18. unaccompanied
21. right hand man
23. excessive traction loss
24. the finger
25. recently snell certified
27. slowdown start
31. for "stuff" on course
35. helping hand
36. not forced
38. stop now
39. area of overhaul

answer key
on page 10 ►

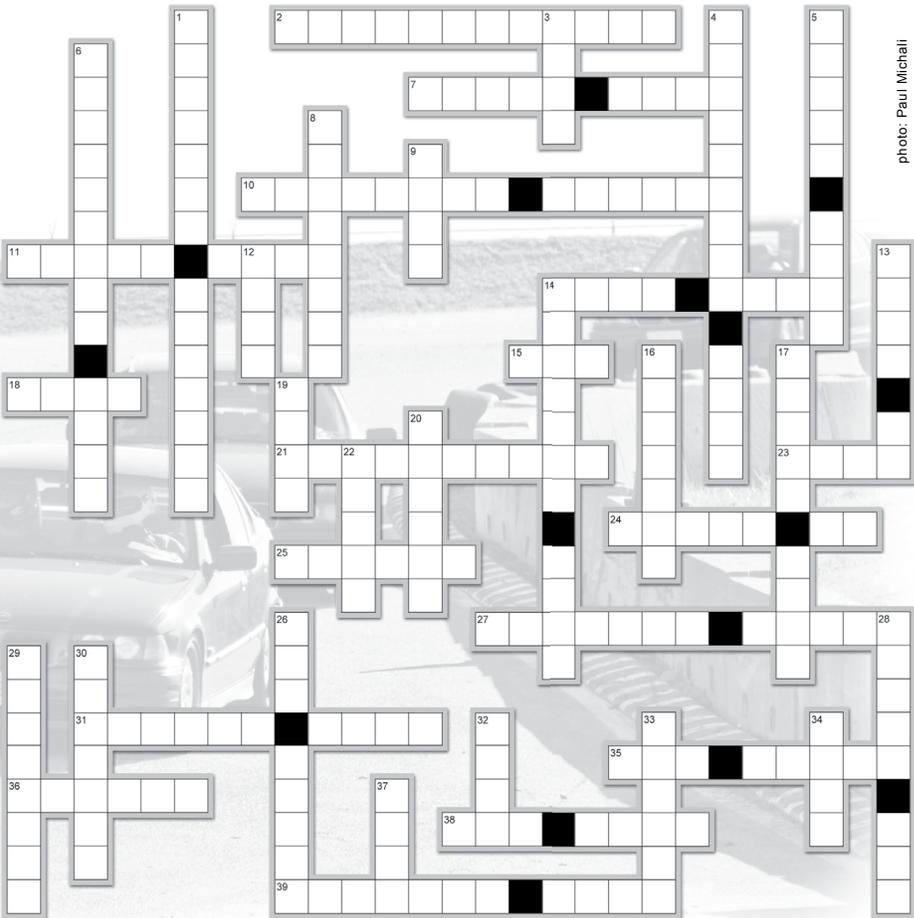


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If this crossword puzzle looks familiar, it's because it originally ran in the April/May 2010 issue of the Profile. If you'd like to see fresh puzzles in future issues, maybe you could help? It's easier than you might think and it wouldn't be much work on your end. Read the info box below for details. -ed.

about crossword puzzle:

Have ideas for future puzzle topics? Want to compose a puzzle for publication? It's easy!

All's you have to do is... Compile a list of approx. 30+ challenging clues that are BMW/BMW CCA related. Include their one or two word answers. Submit them to the copy collection editor and you're done! If you wish, you can include an intro paragraph and a high resolution image for the background. The publication editor will do the rest.

Hope to see some creative submissions to keep this Profile feature going! -ed.

Keeping the Mileage Tally Running Repairing Odometers on Earlier BMW Models – E30 / E28 / E24 / E23

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

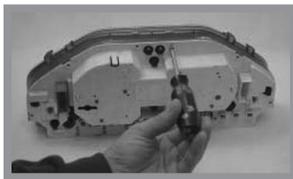


One of the recurring questions I receive concerns inoperative odometers on the 1980s vintage BMWs. This would include 3 series '84 through '91 (E30), 5 series '82 through '88 (E28), 6 series '83 through '89 (E24) and 7 series through '87 (E23). These models have an electrically driven, analog speedometer which receives its signal from a speed sensor mounted in the differential. The odometer is driven by a separate, small motor and a set of reduction gears. With age, these small plastic gears can break or strip, which renders the odometer inoperative, even though the speedometer still functions fine. The odometer drive motor can also fail, but we have found that the gears are typically the problem.

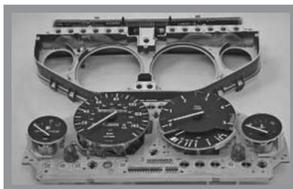
Until now, the only option available to fix these analog odometers was to replace the complete speedometer head unit at a cost of more than \$300. Bavarian Autosport now offers separate odometer drive gears so you can easily fix your inoperative odometer at much less expense. (Please remember though, that replacing just the gears is only an option if the speedometer still works fine.)

These odometer drive gears are relatively easy to replace. Before starting the job, determine if your instrument cluster was made by VDO or Motometer. Look in the center of the cluster display, between the tachometer and the speedometer; the name will be molded into the black plastic. Before you order new gears for your inoperative odometer, you must verify that the gears are in-fact the problem, and determine which gears you'll need; remember, there is a chance that the odometer drive motor may be faulty. To do this, the instrument cluster must be removed from the vehicle. This is typically a straightforward operation and, at most, may require the removal of a couple trim panels and the steering wheel. Refer to the appropriate repair manual for removal procedures for your particular BMW.

Once the instrument cluster unit is removed, you can easily disassemble the cluster to check whether the gears are bad and, if so, order the ones you need. This would also be a perfect time to replace any indicator or illumination bulbs that may have burnt out, as well as the Service Interval PC Board, if you are in need of one.



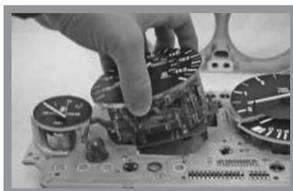
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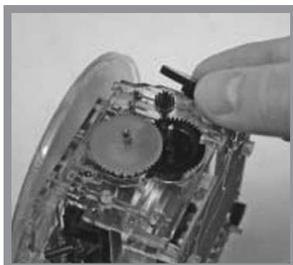
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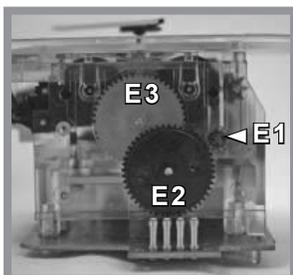
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VDO Odometer Cluster

Disassembly and Gear Inspection

(images show an '88 325i)

1. Remove the nine Phillips head screws securing the faceplate and bezel to the cluster assembly.
2. Using a flat blade screwdriver, release the two snap tabs at the bottom of the cluster and separate the cluster from the faceplate and bezel.
3. Unclip and remove the green connector plug housing from the back of the cluster. Remove the four Phillips head screws securing the speedometer head assembly to the cluster.
4. Pull the speedometer head from the cluster.
5. Look at the speedometer head and note the clear plastic cover over the odometer drive gears. Remove the four Phillips head screws and pull the cover off.
6. The drive gears can now be removed and inspected.
7. On VDO units, you must count the number of teeth on the small side of the "E3" gear.

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Friday June 21st - Sunday June 23rd, 2013
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Vintage Passion in the Berkshires.



Saturday June 22nd, 2013 8:00am - 9:00pm
MINIs On Top MINIs On Top

Annual gathering of MINIs and their owners in New Hampshire, culminating in a drive to the top of Mount Washington! Fun is the number one goal, but over the years we've also raised about \$85k for charities. Questions? See Site. COST: See website. Register NOW! (until 06/20/13)

Monday June 24th, 2013 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 July 5th, 2013 5:00pm
Profile submission deadline

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

Monday July 8th, 2013 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 Windham. COST: FREE Food and Drinks. RSVP

Sunday July 14th, 2013 11:00am - 12:00pm
Drive & Dine

Each month, the Social Events Committee is organizing a fun Drive & Dine event. Take a little time and spend it discovering (or revisiting) some of New Hampshire's interesting and fun dining experiences. The Lakehouse Restaurant, Meredith, NH COST: Buy Your Own Food and Drink. RSVP

Saturday July 20th, 2013 8:00am - 5:00pm
Adv. Driving Safety Skills School

Have fun and learn important car control skills at our Advanced Driving Safety Skills school. New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS). COST: \$85. Register NOW! (until 07/15/13)

Monday July 29th, 2013 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

Sunday August 11th, 2013 9:00am - 2:00pm
Larz Anderson Auto Museum - BMW Day

Come witness the history and evolution of the BMW. Any vehicle from the Bavarian carmaker's long and storied past is welcome at this show. From classic 2002s to modern M-cars, all manner of Bimmers will fill up the lawn. 15 Newton St. Brookline, MA COST: \$20 entry fee RSVP

Monday August 26th, 2013 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

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Targa California 2013 My Coupe Chronicles Continue

by: Stan Chamallas



Many of you have read of my E9 exploits, driving the “Great White” cross country and my restoration efforts. This passion has led me to a sub-group of BMW CCA members, specifically the E9 Group (1968-1975 grand-daddy to the 6 series)

Each year there is a road rally of vintage cars in California called Targa California. It is a terrific drive from the outskirts of Los Angeles to Los Gatos (just south of San Francisco). The Targa is open to the first 120 registrants with cars from 1975 or older.

This year, my friend Chris from Huntington Beach offers his 1969 “Neue Klasse” 2000 and I, already needing to be in Los Angeles on business, gladly accept. On April 11th, we leave his house at 6:30am, still dark, and I am driving a car I am totally unfamiliar with. Thankfully, I need only to keep Chris’s 1973 3.0 CS Coupe in sight. Soon we join the group - various Porsches, Alfa’s, Mercedes and a spectacular Aston Martin, and head off. Along the Angeles Crest Highway, Upper Big Tujunga Canyon, Angeles Forest and Frazier Park. Definitely not what you picture when you see Los Angeles in the movies! Two lanes, lots of whoop-de-doo’s and twisties!

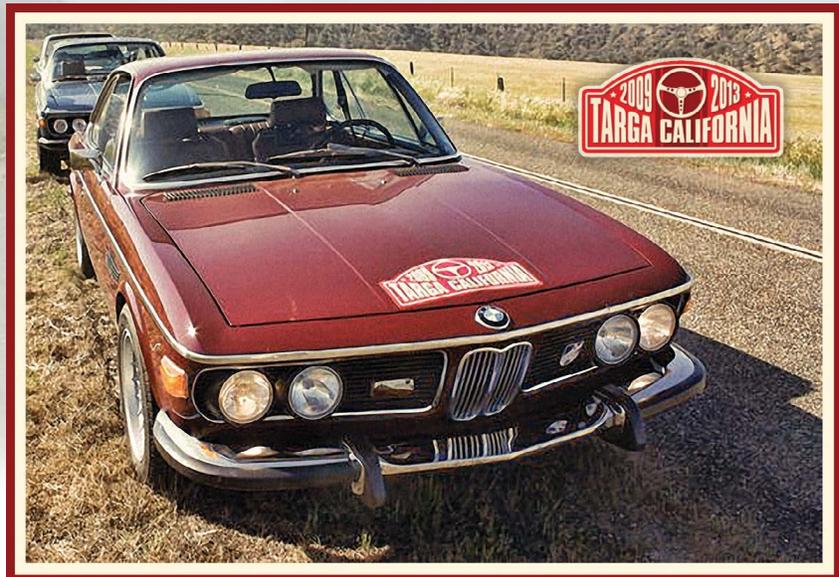
After lunch we drive CA 229, and I have to tell you, this is now my favorite road in the country! What a blast! Dinner, fellowship, sleep then back to driving from Paso Robles, up to Scott’s Valley and on to Monterey. More twisties and fun.

We keep up a good rate of speed but those Porsche guys are wild! Every so often a cluster of

five or six of them flash their lights and zoom by. And the Alfisti are about as intense!

Day three brings us down Highway 1 through Big Sur and along the Nacimiento Ferguson Road, snaking its way through spectacular canyons to a scenic upper plateau then on to the Mission San Antonio de Padua. We enjoy a nice outdoor meal, but with a bit of sadness, realize we’ve come to the end; we go our separate ways returning home. What a trip.

See the Jan/Feb 2003 and Feb/Mar 2009 Profile issues for Stan’s first two articles in this ongoing saga of classic BMW Coupe passion. —ed.



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2001 530i 5spd
VIN: WBADY53461CE90464

Orient Blue with black leather. Approx 230k miles. Packages: sport and premium, cold weather, convenience. Also sport seats, PDC, Xenon, nav, premium sound with DSP, 6-CD changer, separate set of wheels and snow tires. Maintained at 3D-Auto. Asking \$5k. Call Mike O'Shaughnessy at 603.579.3633 or e.mail Mike via the chapter website.



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