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The aMazing M4

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It's not every day you get an invitation from somebody to take their brand new M BMW for a spin, let alone have it be your choice of an M4, M5 and an M6! And to make it even

more thrilling, how about for an afternoon at a racetrack?!

Paul Michali actually received such an aMazing invitation last summer, and on page 11 he tells you all about it.

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## Looking Down the Road, Continuing the Passion New Board Members Climb Behind the Wheel for 2016

by David Thibodeau, President

The start of the new year brought several organization changes to the White Mountain Chapter. We should all thank outgoing President David Harrison for his dedication and willingness to step up and stay involved as chair of our Social Events Committee. As he heads to sunnier climes and retirement from the board, we also appreciate Walt Wolf's continued assistance with smooth transitioning of the Treasurer's responsibilities.

Vice President Dana Sion, SEC Chair Mary Beth Francoeur and Membership Chair Michael Morin have all asked to step away for a while from their "official" duties. A big "thank you" is due them for their tireless enthusiasm over the past months and years! We certainly hope they will stay active in Chapter events. An interest in "all things BMW" initially brings new people to our club, but it is the friendships that keep members truly interested long term.

You might think the Chapter management takes a break this time of year -- but we are actually quite busy with planning 2016 events on both the driving and social side.

The Social Events Committee spent the beginning of winter planning a bowling outing to Leda Lanes in late January and a high energy karting/billiards excursion at F1 Boston in February. And in keeping with WMC tradition, a trip to Parker's Maple Barn is on again for March.

Those of you who have been around for a while know our only reve-

nue-generating activities are Driving Event (HPDE) and Advanced Skills (ADSS) schools. In order to sustain Chapter operations and all other activities, it is essential these events remain a financial success. With Bruce Bergeron and Paul Lillios taking on new responsibilities, our Driving Event Committee will be stretched just a little bit thinner in the short term. So, if you have time to assist with registration, stuffing envelopes, check-in, tech inspection, or other day of event activities, please let us know!

We are hoping to continue to improve member communications with changes to the website and email integration with social media. Any members with an interest in helping out with those critical functions should contact a member of the Board.

On a broader scale, several events will mark BMW's 100th birthday this year. BMW will be the featured marque at the 2016 Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion from August 18-21 in Monterey, California. And the Chapter has

already notified the International BMW Club of our interest in the events being planned by the factory in Munich September 9-11. Keep watching our website and National's for more information -- with enough interest we might be able to coordinate a group looking to attend either of these.

Now onto hooking up the trickle charger to the Z4, fishing out the X5's snow tires, and sorting out what needs fixing next on the 328is racecar...

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- Bryan Baxenden . . . . . Hampstead
- Link Moser . . . . . Loudon
- George Wu . . . . . North Conway
- Richard Williams . . . . . Hollis
- Wayne Klahs . . . . . Sanbornville
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- David W Symonds II . . . . . Nashua
- Reilly McAllister . . . . . Hanover
- Jim Dawson . . . . . Goffstown
- Ted Puzniak . . . . . Salem

**Attention New Members!**

*We welcome you to the club and invite you to join us at an upcoming chapter meeting. Introduce yourself and dinner will be on us! We'd love to meet you. See the calendar of events on page 12 for more information.*

*One way to enjoy the benefits of club membership and a way you can make this great club even better is by getting involved. Hopefully we'll see you soon! Whether you drive a BMW or MINI or simply share our passion for them...*

**Welcome!**

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**Starting Anew**  
**New Membership Chair Comes on Board**

by Tom Giffen, Membership Chair

**G**reetings from your new Chapter Membership Chair. First, let us all give a big thanks for the tireless efforts of my predecessor, Michael Morin. Michael has contributed to the White Mountain Chapter in numerous ways beyond the Membership Chair duties, and has devoted 6 years to the club. Thanks to Michael! I will do my best to fill his large shoes!

Second, I am pleased to note that 15 new members have been added to our roster since the last issue of *the Profile*. With a small amount of attrition, that brings us to a current total of 663 members. As would be expected, a number of these folks hail from the southern part of the state, but the Lakes region and the North Country and the Upper Valley are represented also. Welcome!

Many events are either planned or being planned for this year. Be sure to check here in *the Profile* as well as on the website and I am sure that you will find something to help beat the winter blues and later on to welcome spring and the return of driving season.

I'm looking forward to being your Membership Chair and I hope to meet you soon. My name is Tom and you can reach me anytime at:

[membership-chair@whitemtn-bmwclub.org](mailto:membership-chair@whitemtn-bmwclub.org)

**Member Spotlight**  
**Somebody You Should Know About**

by Pete McDonough



**David Harrison**

WMC SEC chair  
member since 1995



**I**n this month's member spotlight is 20-year club veteran David Harrison, whose love affair with the marque was ignited during a ride in a restored 2002. Having spent 20 years as a USAF mechanic, it's no surprise that he came to appreciate the engineering and aesthetic values that were bred into those cars sporting a Roundel. It's also no surprise that maintenance and restoration of these vehicles has become part of David's pastime; frequent readers of *the Profile* may also recall some of his many related articles over the past years. His stable currently includes a 2001 DINAN tuned S40i and a loaded 2012 3.5 X3 and I'm sure they're pristine.

As outgoing Chapter President (2013-2015), David continues to take an active role in the club – both formally and informally. He's currently serving as the Social Events Committee chair and plans to be a lifetime member of the club serving in one capacity or another.

Know a fellow club member who did something special, or extraordinary or who went above and beyond normal expectations; someone you feel deserves a bit of special recognition? If so, you can put them in the spotlight right here! Simply submit a paragraph or two along with a photo if you can, and we'll turn on the spotlight.

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**Change is Good  
WMC Starts 2016 With a Game of Musical Chairs**

by David Harrison, SEC Chair

As we all flipped the calendars on our walls from 2015 to 2016, the WMC also flipped much of its organization, even on the Social Events Committee. Marybeth Francoeur desired to step down as the SEC Chair, and I, having passed on the presidency to David Thibodeau, volunteered to take on the leadership role on the SEC for 2016. Marybeth assured me though, she will remain active on the committee. I want to sincerely thank her for her time as chair over the past many months and look forward to her continued support and involvement. Change is good!

The SEC is looking forward to another year of great events planned and attended by many enthusiastic members of our club. Despite the seasonal winter slow down for many of us, the SEC has already booked events on the calendar well into 2016. With gatherings early in the season, as you well know living her in New Hampshire, we can never count on good road conditions so the March and April events we've planned have us meeting conveniently at Parkers Maple Barn and Smuttynose



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And where will yours take **you** this year?

**show up at an  
SEC meeting or  
scheduled event and  
you may very well  
discover just how  
much you belong**

Brewery. Both venues will offer a tour and a meal to enjoy with fellow members. Everyone is welcome for these "pay as you go" events so I hope to see many of you there as we kick off the year.

As the anticipated warmer weather approaches, the chapter is planning visits to venues farther afield. May will take us to the Yankee Candle Factory in South Deerfield, MA, and later in the year we'll travel south of the border again to Brookline for an unbelievable BMW car show on the grounds of the Larz Anderson museum – a perfect way to celebrate BMW's first 100 years.

All SEC events are posted on the calendar at the chapter website. Some events that you'll find listed there are reoccurring favorites and some are new this year. All were proposed by chapter members wanting to have and share a good time.

So if you think you might want to plan out details of-, propose ideas for-, or simply just want to participate in-, upcoming SEC events, drop me a line or just show up at an SEC meeting or scheduled event. You may very well discover just how much you belong.



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## Your Best Shots

### Winners of the 2015 WMC Photo Contest

by Martin Callahan, the Profile Production Editor

For the first time ever, the WMC held a season-long photo contest which came to a close on December 31st. Open to all chapter members, the requisites for entry were really wide open, so it was surprising that so few entries were received. Nevertheless we did receive some standout submissions and hereby announce the official winners.

For his 1<sup>st</sup> place winning entry, Harrison Wareham wins a free 1-year membership renewal in the BMW CCA as well as a \$20 gift certificate to the merchandise shop at the BMW CCA website ([www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org)), – plus the really cool centerfold poster in this edition of the Profile!

For his 2<sup>nd</sup> place winning entry, Rene P. Plante wins a free 1-year membership renewal in the BMW CCA.

For his 3<sup>rd</sup> place winning entry, Harrison Wareham wins a free \$20 gift certificate to the merchandise shop at the BMW CCA website.

Judging for this contest was conducted by the Profile's production staff, who's decisions are final. All entries were judged on subject matter, composition/layout, image quality and overall impression.

Congratulations to Harrison, and Rene for their winning entries, and thanks to everyone who participated in the contest.

## 2 second place

**Rene P. Plante**

2004 E46 M3 coupe



"This is my current ride. 6-speed, titanium silver on black, schwarz trim, cold weather, HK sound, xenon. I purchased it as a CPO in 2008.

Upgrades include 19" competition mesh wheels, competition cross drilled rotors and calipers, KW V-2 suspension, UUC short shifter, UUC-Corsa exhaust, UUC rear camber arms, black kidney grills and side vents, black and white body and wheel roundels, black M3 logo on rear deck, and a Dice Mediabridge. It's seasonally driven, currently with 53k miles on the odometer.

I love this car! It's very fun to drive and the exhaust note is amazing."

Would you like a full-color centerfold poster of your car? Take your best shot anytime and submit it for consideration. Your image must be digital and at highest possible resolution. Be sure to include a caption or short write-up to go along with it.

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TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT  
photo contest

# and the winners are...

## 1 first place

**Harrison Wareham**

2009 E92 M3 coupe



"I took this photo on 10/21/15 in the New London Historical Society Village using a Canon Powershot S100."

## 3 third place

**Harrison Wareham**

2009 E92 M3 coupe

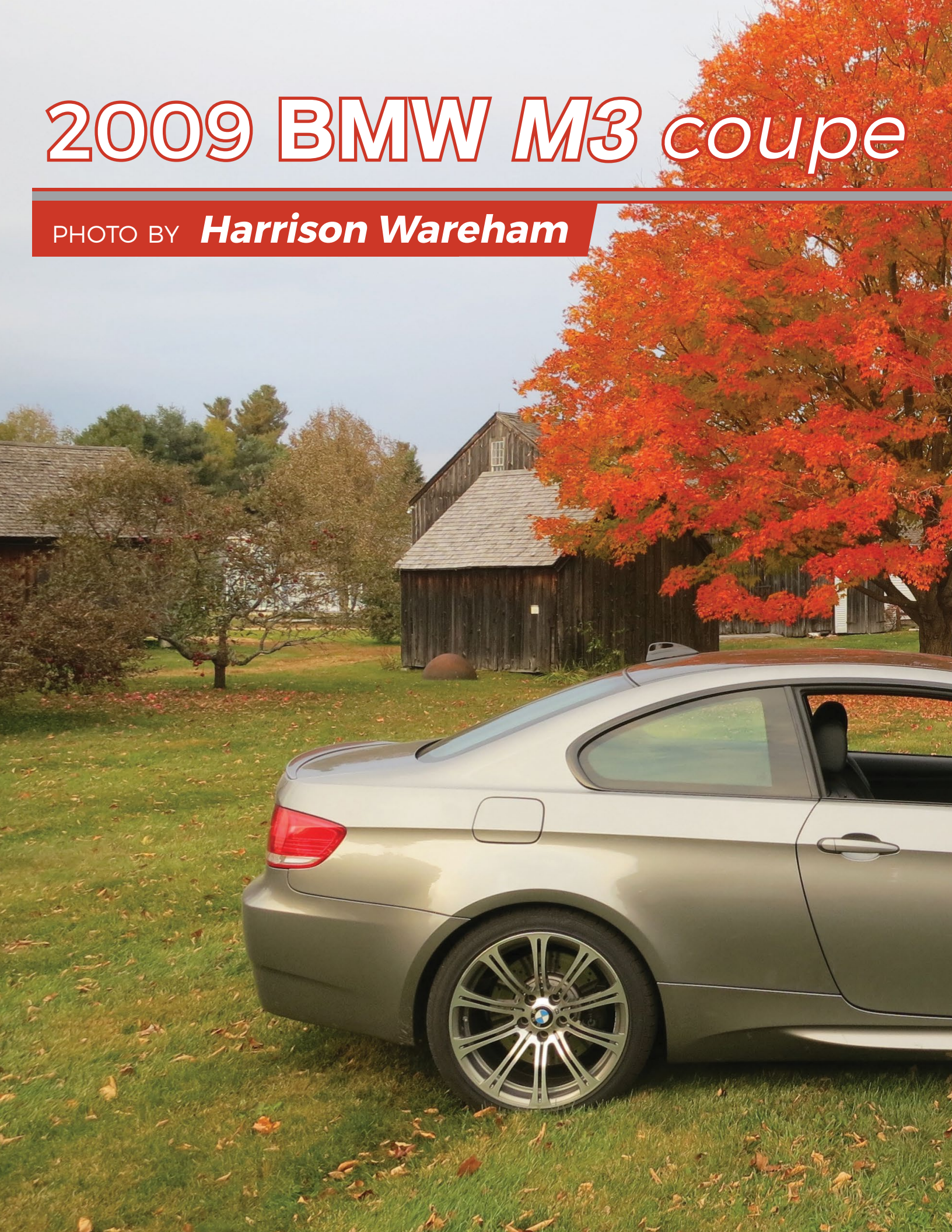


"This photo is from a road trip to Camden, ME. We drove our Space Grey M3 coupe to the summit of Mt. Battie in Camden Hills State Park - 'Where the mountains meet the sea'.

In the back seat is our Basset Hound, Jackie, enjoying the ride and the views of Penobscot Bay."

# 2009 BMW M3 coupe

PHOTO BY *Harrison Wareham*





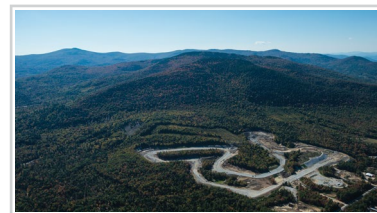
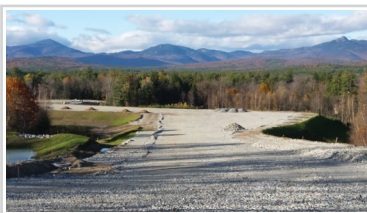


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## An aMazing Day Driving aMazing Cars

by Paul Michali

**O**n July 28th last summer, I was (very) privileged to have been invited by BMW of Stratham to a private “BMW Track Day” event at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. It was basically an afternoon-long performance oriented test drive of a number of BMW’s newest M cars. The half day event, started at 1 p.m., with a light lunch and a brief classroom session, where professional drivers explained the activities to come, detailed the procedures we needed to follow, and gave tips/pointers about the cars we’d be driving.



### M4, M5 and M6 Convertible

**I loved the M4 the most**

Next, we went to the parking lot next to the North Garage, where a very small (and tight) autocross course had been set up. What was great, was they had a brand new M4, an M5 (with ceramic pads), and a gorgeous M6 convertible for us to drive. Professional drivers were there to demonstrate and coach people through the course. Even with the slow/small course, it was fun to drive each model. We had an hour and a half to drive this course as many

The forty or so people invited to this special event were split into two groups, after which we anxiously proceeded to the track. For the group I was in, we started at the false grid for the road course. There were two new, shiny, yellow instructor M4s, heading up two rows of cars; each row consisting of a 7 series, and two 640s (one a convertible, and one an xDrive, I think).



For this part, we went out in groups of three cars, doing a lead and follow with the instructors in their M4s. They went at a good pace, and we were instructed to follow with a two to three car gap between cars.

For those familiar with the track, we did two laps at a time, through the south chicane, back straight, up the road course, back onto the oval, through the north chicane, and onto the front straight. Instead of coming onto the straight at turn 12, they actually had us slow down at turn 11, and take a little access road to the end of the north part of the oval (a good thing for inexperienced drivers).

After two laps, the lead participant would go to the end of the line; drivers and passengers would switch, and the exercise would repeat again. After that, we all rotated to the next car, so we had a chance to drive each of the three cars. I was by myself, so I got double the runs in each car – sweet! It was fun to see how these cars did on the track, but it was very hard to keep up with the M4s.

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few runs,  
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times as we wanted. Some people just did a few runs, but others, like myself, were eager to go again and again, to perfect our lines and to see the difference in performance between the models (I loved the M4 the most).

Once finished there, we went back to the false grid, where the professional drivers took us in groups of three, for rides with them, as they did “hot laps” around the track. Having been on this track a lot, I was more interested in watching the hands and feet of the drivers, than the line they took around the track.

Finally, we went to the track restaurant, where we enjoyed a great dinner spread of chicken, ribs w/barbecue sauce, pulled pork, beans, corn on the cob, coleslaw, etc. Before leaving, we each received a BMW bag and coffee mug as parting gifts.

I give huge props to BMW of Stratham for putting on the event. It certainly was a great way to showcase the new cars. With perfect summer weather, I had a blast ...

– truly an “aMazing” day. ■

Do you have an interesting anecdote or experience you'd like to share in the Profile? If so, submit it for consideration in this column. Generally, articles should be under 350 words but longer features are welcome space permitting. All related images must be submitted as individual digital files (not as embedded graphics) at their highest available resolution.

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## Upcoming Events and Noteworthy Dates for Your Calendar

dates and times subject to change  
always check the website for most current info

Registration, RSVP, travel directions, and details for all listed events are on the chapter website. High performance driving schools have special advance requirements. Contact the advertising manager for ad submission deadlines.

### february

Saturday February 20th, 2016  
10:00am - 2:00pm

#### **F1 Boston Karting + Billiards**

F1 Boston Karting & Billiards  
F1 Boston, Braintree MA  
COST: TBD depending on interest Register NOW! (until 02/01/16)

Monday February 22nd, 2016  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

#### **Social Events 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

### march

Friday March 4th, 2016  
5:00pm

#### **Profile submission deadline**

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inclusion in the Apr/May Profile must be received by the copy collection editor. Submissions and questions to [editor@whitemtn-bmwclub.org](mailto:editor@whitemtn-bmwclub.org).

Sunday March 13th, 2016  
8:00am - 8:00am

#### **Parker's Maple Barn Breakfast Meet + Greet**

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 gift shop. (Non-members welcome)  
Parker's Maple Barn, 1316 Brookline Road, Mason, NH.  
Questions? Contact 603-216-2829. COST: Pay Your Own, RSVP

Monday March 28th, 2016  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

#### **Bimonthly combined Membership and Social Events Committee meeting**

All members are invited to attend a meeting to discuss Chapter business, Social events, Driving events, and of course our common love of all things BMW. A light meal will be provided. RSVP encouraged for seating

Common Man in Windham.  
Questions? Contact 603-216-2829. COST: Free

### april

Sunday April 24th, 2016  
11:00am - 11:00am

#### **Smuttynose Brewery Tour and Hayseed Restaurant for Lunch**

Join the chapter for a tour and tasting at the Smuttynose Brewery, located in, Hampton, NH. Afterwards, we will be enjoying some drinks, snacks, or light lunch at the on-site Hayseed Farmstyle Restaurant (self pay at the event). Questions? Contact 603-216-2829. COST: Pay Your Own RSVP

Monday April 25th, 2016  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

#### **Social Events 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 Drink, RSVP

### may

Friday May 6th, 2016  
5:00pm

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Sunday May 15th, 2016  
11:00am

#### **Lunch and Yankee Candle Factory**

Come dine with the WMC at Chandler's restaurant at the Yankee Candle Factory in South Deerfield, MA. We will meet at 11:00 for lunch and visit the YCF complex in the afternoon. Join us for lunch or just the afternoon of shopping and exploring. Chandler's at Yankee Candle, 25 Greenfield Road, South Deerfield, MA. COST: Pay Your Own. RSVP

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i3?

Me too... Maybe

by Tom Stoll

It was a cold evening in December when I arrived at the BMW dealership in Peabody, MA, to pick up an i3 for an extended test drive. It was dark and rainy and I parked my big SUV in the lot. Going inside the dealer, it was warm and bright and I quickly found the coffee and pastries while I waited for my Sales Advisor to finish with another client. There were lots of interesting cars in the showroom. Including a new i3/i8 display made of sustainable materials which had an i3 hooked up to a wall station.

Before long, my Sales Advisor came over to see me. Introductions were made and we went outside to the well-lit vehicle pick up area. All the controls and features were explained to me in just the right amount of detail. Inside the car was warm ambient lighting, the heated seat was warm too. Behind the wheel, I was ready for the road. Pressing the “go” pedal (can’t really call it gas pedal), off I went in complete silence. It was eerie. The headlights were fantastic, piercing vibrantly through the misty dark night. The steering was direct and the car felt like any other BMW I’ve driven, albeit without the signature inline-6 sound.

The navigation system directed me on the shortest route home. Along the way it was apparent that despite its size, the car had plenty of power to overtake traffic, not just keep up with it.

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The i3 is BMW's first zero emissions mass-produced vehicle. Sales in the U.S. of this five-door "urban electric car", started in 2014.

On the way home I decided to check the recharging feature of the car, I was close to my house and battery range was 20 miles. Looking on the screen, I found the closest charging location, where I stopped and plugged in. With the card and the instructions the BMW dealer gave me, I hooked up the car, and the display on the (pump?) charging station indicated that a “quick charge” was selected - 0.065 kwh and up went the meter. The plug area of the i3 also had ambient lighting and glowed (in appreciation?) as the electricity flowed into the car. I sat in the car while it charged, and on the nav/console display was able to check the weather, scan the

news headlines and stock reports. After about 20 minutes I was topped off and home I went.

can't really call the "go" pedal a "gas" pedal

The driving was uneventful except for the nice sounding radio and the wide navigation display. I enjoyed sitting up high; the car was easy to see out of and offered good visibility all around.

At home I showed the i3 to my college-aged daughter who is not easily impressed and certainly isn't interested in cars, but she did comment that it looked “neat and futuristic”.

After dinner it was late, but I wanted to plug the i3 in to my home power supply to see how difficult it would be to pull the adapter out and use it. It actually wasn't difficult at all. Plugging it in was pretty straight forward and I left the car then with its plug glowing all night.

The next day was hectic. I took off down I-93 to my office in Andover. I had to pass all the charging stations at work because they were all occupied, but still having range left, didn't worry about it. After work I was again back on I-93. The electricity rage steadily went down and at one point the REX generator kicked on. I should say at no time did I have range anxiety, because the car had the range extension generator on board. It ran very smoothly. Even with the radio turned off, I could hardly hear it running in the background. I turned the radio back on, and continued my journey with the other cars on I-93. After a while my extended test drive had to come to a close. I pulled in to the BMW dealership to drop it off. The sales advisors cheerfully too it back, probably eager to get it back out with another potential customer for another extended test drive. For now though, my adventure with electric i3 was over.

My impressions of the i3? It is a nice car, with a very well executed design. It is easy to drive (once I became adjusted to the car braking some when lifting my foot off the “go” pedal. I thought its power was more than adequate, and actually proved to be fun “off the line”. I definitely would like to try it in nicer weather.

The i3 has some great features, the controls are simple and easy to understand. There is lots of information available on the console display such as power level, location of charging stations, electrical consumption, etc. I used “ECO pro mode” which I think chose the driving route with the lowest anticipated energy consumption. I do feel however, that the interior could benefit from higher quality materials in places.

The car certainly suited my needs for a daily commuter, but I'd still need an SUV for other duties. Does it have a place in my garage? Maybe. Maybe more so if it was larger. ■■

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**The Profile gets an Overhaul  
New Full-Color Design Rolls Out for 2016**

by Martin Callahan, the Profile Production Editor

Back in late 2014 shortly after acquiring the Profile's longtime printer, Unigraphic Inc., Quad Graphics delivered a nice surprise. They informed me that because of the particular press they were using to print the Profile, (a high performance all-digital offset HP Indigo 7000) they were able to adjust what they needed to charge for printing pages in full process color and that going forward printing full color would cost the same as printing solely in black & white.

Great news, but the Profile up to that point, for obvious cost reasons, had been designed as a black & white production (that over time saw the addition of a handful of color pages at added cost). And so it remained, a black & white layout with a few added elements of color to make it more interesting. This new opportunity though meant a new layout, designed from the ground up for color, needed to be developed. Starting with a "clean slate"

was exciting but lots of work. Many months now in the making, Pete McDonough (the Profile's copy collection editor) and I collaborated countless ideas, working on the new design as time permitted.

I'm happy to announce that finally, with this first edition of 2016, we're rolling out the end result. Hope you like it! Our focus was to achieve a fresh, clean, updated and dynamic look with improved readability. Let us know what you think.

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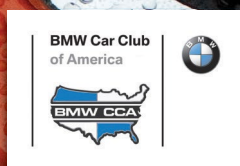
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