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It's Hard to be Humble, when it's THIS Fun

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"Humble" Tom Hilger, in his beautiful 2011 BMW 1M – 18" Apex EC7 staggered wheels, (275/35/18 & 305/35/18) Nitto NT01s, and COBB tune with stock maps, all shrouded in stunning "Valencia Orange Metallic".

Tom joined the club in 1998 with his first car, a '98 M3 sedan and has been hooked since. Attending

HPDE events now since 2011, he can't get enough. Captured in this shot with instructor Matt Miskoe riding shotgun, Tom's seen here diving into Turn 3 during the Cabin Fever Drivers School at NHMS last year, ...and the license plate says it all.

Read pages 8-9 & 6 to see what keeps luring Tom back for more.

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2017 Off to a Great Start Winter Proved no Match for our Enthusiasm

by David Thibodeau, President

It was the first of April and like clockwork, time for an “April Fool’s Snowstorm” that seems to happen about every ten years in these parts. But as sure as the sun rises, spring will ultimately prevail and emerge from winter’s fading grasp. Our Club’s real “New Year’s” is finally upon us.

“New Year’s Day” is a time for reflection. Among the accomplishments of which we should be most proud in 2016 were our charitable efforts. Your generosity at October’s Chili Cook-Off and the January Annual Reunion dinner resulted in more than \$500 for the BMW CCA Foundation. Not only does the Foundation help defray the cost of the Street Survival Program for teens, it also supports the preservation of BMW-related objects of historical significance that require repair, restoration or renewal.

March brought our perennial pilgrimage to Parkers in Mason. This year’s wet and cold weather, coupled with the “spring-ahead-Sunday” time change, did not dissuade us from filling most of the tables in the famed



photos: Paul Michali



The WMC’s perennial pilgrimage to Parker’s.
- No sweeter way to kick off the new driving season.

“wood stove corner”. Fresh maple syrup, stuffed French toast and Parker’s specials for all. Yum.

Rain and cold weather gave many of us the best reason to visit Dave and Dan Maynard at 3D Auto Works in Hudson. It’s always interesting to get together with a professional BMW mechanic and learn more about what’s goes on with our cars “underneath”. This time a variety of members’ cars were on hand, ranging from a well-kept example of a 1980’s E30 325is, an early X3 that has seen many road miles, the best example of a Dinan-tuned 5-Series you’ve ever seen, and an F30 chassis 3-Series sedan in all its sparkling newness. Most entertaining was Dave’s discovery that some other lesser mechanic had chosen to “repair” suspension parts with a couple of zip ties. Yikes! Be careful to whom you trust your car – and your life!

We turn to preparing for our first 2017 ADSS and HPDE driving events, and planning social events for your summer. Hope to see you at one of them.

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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!

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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editor@whitemtn-bmwclub.org

**Now is the Time
Old and New Friends Await You**

by Tom Giffen, Membership Chair

Greetings from your membership chair! Here's the update on our strength: we have had a number of comings and goings, but the net result is a total of 680 members as of the latest update from National dated 4/4/17. The club is healthy and doing well thanks to all those who have joined and especially to those who get out and participate.

Speaking of participation, spring events are already upon us, so if there have been any delays in getting overdue winter projects finished on your car (or cars), now is the time! Come to a track day, advanced driving skills school, or any of the upcoming social events that we have planned. You are guaranteed to meet old friends and make new ones while having a great time sharing common interests.

See you out there!

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**Member Spotlight
Somebody You Should Know About**

submitted by You!



Who's Next?
WMC member since...

No submission was received for this edition to put a fellow member in the spotlight.



I'm sure you know of a club member who deserves a pat on the back for their efforts and devotion to the club. Let us know who you have in mind. We can give them a bit of recognition that they deserve.

There are many club members who tirelessly keep the gears of the chapter turning, to ensure the club stays solid and fun. Let's hear about them! Read below to learn how.

**Ultimate Drivers Ed, Ultimate Fun
WMC Offers Both**

by Bruce Bergeron, DEC Chair photos by Paul Michali, staff photographer

The Driving Event Committee (DEC) is delighted to usher in the spring of 2017, and all we can say is, “What took you so long”? While it is true we had a lot of late winter snow, it did not delay planning for our exciting 2017 driving season. The DEC has been working diligently over the entire winter preparing for our epic spring, summer and fall driving events.

As is our tradition, we started the year with our popular ADSS event on April 8th, followed immediately by our Cabin Fever HPDE on April 15th. Both events took place at NHMS (New Hampshire Motor Speedway) in Loudon, NH.



Predictably the ADSS (advanced driving safety skills) event sold out very early, and it is safe to say the 33 students squealed, giggled and smiled all the way home. It’s no secret, attending an ADSS event is the most fun a person will ever have in an automobile. Yes - I mean what I said! If you have never attended an ADSS you simply owe it to yourself to get to the next event. If you have attended one in the past I challenge you to find a friend who hasn’t, and register for an upcoming one together. It doesn’t matter what type of car you drive, what make you drive, or even if you are a BMW CCA member; it only requires is a safe and state inspected vehicle, and a valid driver license for each driver. Our next ADSS event will be held on August 12th. Online registration is fast and easy! Just seven days following the ADSS event, we hosted our world famous “Cabin Fever” HPDE (high performance drivers education) track event, and boy what a day we had! A total of 60 students and 27 instructors spent a fabulous day using our BMWs the way the engi-



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neers intended them to be used - as The Ultimate Driving Machine! Like all our HPDE events, this was not a race school, rather a driving school much like ADSS but with higher speeds and more challenging vehicle dynamics. Our HPDE students are put into groups based on experience. All groups receive classroom instruction before heading out on the track. Unless you are a highly experienced student who has been signed off to drive solo, just like Bill Auberlen, you will always have your own personal instructor riding with you. We have additional high performance driving schools on the schedule this year and would love to see more first time attendees! See the calendar on page 12 for dates, and the chapter website for the latest updates.

Did You Know - ADSS and HPDE events raise money to fund our chapter? They do, in fact, this year the DEC is challenged to raise \$4,000 for the chapter, so by attending a driving event you are actively and financially supporting the club, talk about a win-win.



Also, on July 29th we are hosting a special safety school for teenagers 15-19 called Tire Rack Street Survival School. This event is very

similar to ADSS but is tailored for inexperienced teenage drivers. If you personally know a newly minted teenage driver, you absolutely MUST look into the Street Survival program.

One last exciting piece of news from the DEC, our Fall Spectacular HPDE will be held for the first time at Club Motorsports! That’s right, at the brand new track in Tamworth, NH, you’ve heard so much about. This is an epic track that has been in the works for many years. A few months ago, Jason Cammissa, the Senior Features Editor for MotorTrend magazine, commented after visiting the track (while still under construction), “If Club Motorsports is HALF as good once it’s paved, it’ll easily be the best track in America. I mean it — can’t wait to come back!” The White Mountain Chapter is privileged to be one of the first groups to have access to this special private track. To experience it for yourself, be sure to register early!



On behalf of the DEC we look forward to seeing you at one or more of our 2017 driving events.

Love

It's What Makes our World Wheels go 'Round

by David Harrison, SEC Chair

Share some love. I know that sounds like a corny line from a folksy 1970s song but it sums up our White Mountain Chapter's aim (minus the corny folksy part of course). We share the love of owning and driving BMWs, love of like-minded friends, and love for old and new club members (of all ages).

We can never share too much love, especially when it comes with BMWs.

The Social Events Committee is the perfect matrix to find ways to share some of this love. We're always accepting fresh ideas and scheduling new events to keep the WMC active and relevant and fun for YOU! To that end, this year we are planning to... attend a number of car shows, check out several track events, hang out at tech presentations, put together a few drives (maybe even to a race at Mt. Washington), and of course, gather for fun social (and tasty) meals throughout the year. So come, let us share some love with you! Start by checking out our calendar for scheduled events and never hesitate to send us YOUR original idea for any type of car related event or happening! After all, we can never share too much love, especially when that love comes along with BMWs.

Oktoberfest '97 at Waterville Valley The O'Fest to which All Others Are Still Measured

by Dan Guliano, past President + Martin Callahan, Profile production



It occurred to me that we're coming up on the 20th (!) anniversary of the 1997 Oktoberfest the White Mountain Chapter held in Waterville Valley. -Damn, time really flies! I'm thinking

it would be really appropriate to do some kind of retrospective on the event. Dick Holden, Chris Lordan and Larry Churchill really went above and beyond to make the event one of, if not the best, O'Fests ever.

In the next edition of *the Profile*, we'd like to showcase a "drive down memory lane" - a retrospective of that fantastic week a good number of

us spent together 20 years ago. So we're calling on all you chapter "old-timers", -we know you're still out there, and we need your help to do this! Dust off your memories, pull out your old photo albums and if you have anything you can share, let us know! We're looking for photos - people, cars, events, even souvenirs, and stories of any kind.

We realize back then pictures were still taken with film cameras, not phones, and memories were penned in journals, not typed in blogs or Facebook posts. So that probably means, anything you might have from O'Fest '97, is likely in a bookshelf or shoebox, not on a thumb drive or "in the cloud". That's ok! -we can help! Let us know what you have, and we'll figure out how best to bring your analog memories into the digital age for sharing. If it means postal mailing us, we'll take good care of your "hard copy" treasures, and quickly get them back to you, -promise.

Looking forward to being able to share memories of one of the best O'Fests, ...ever!

Hope You Can Help!

If you have any questions or want to find out how best to send us something, contact the Profile's copy collection editor, Pete McDonough. He'll be happy to help you out.

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The earlier you can get us your submissions the better, but the absolute deadline for submitting any content for the next Profile is Friday, July 7th.

Mt. Washington Climb to the Clouds Famed Hill Climb Returns for 2017

by Pete McDonough photos by Ed Valpey



In the clouds, literally - Nick Cooney piloting the infamous CMS 2002.

Billed as one of the oldest motorsport venues in America, the historic Climb to the Clouds returns this summer! The Sports Car Club of New Hampshire, together with Subaru, are excited to announce that from July 7-9, 75 cars and some of the best race and rally drivers from around the world, will again be vying for "King of the Hill", racing at breakneck

speeds up the precarious Mount Washington Auto Road.



Some of the WMC drivers at the summit in 2007. Smiling because it was a blast, or simply because they stayed on the road?

Back in 2007, the race was hosted by the Vintage Sports Car Club of America in partnership with our White Mountain Chapter. A number of our chapter members competed in that year's race. Ed Valpey, our former Chief Driving

Instructor, wrote a great in-

depth exposé of the event for *the Profile*, which you can still find online (Dec 2007 edition). Definitely still worth the read!

This year, if there's enough WMC interest, the SEC might organize a "group outing" to attend the race. If this sounds interesting to you, contact David Harrison, or anyone on the SEC, and don't delay!

For lots more information about this year's race, as well as its history over the years, check out the official Mount Washington Auto Road website.

www.mtwashingtonautoroad.com/events/climb-to-the-clouds



Waterville Valley in the summer of 1997. One of the best O'Fests ever.

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ADSS, HPDE, + Street Survival The What, the Why and Why YOU Should Participate

by David Tedeschi, Chief Instructor

ADSS, HPDE, Street Survival – what do these events mean to our club? What do the acronyms mean? Why is there a lot of focus and energy in our club devoted to these activities?

To answer these questions, one needs to first understand why they purchased a BMW (MINIs are BMWs). It would be safe to say that most of us purchased our BMW because of the drivability of the car is suited to us. We drive our BMW down the road and the car allows us to enjoy the ride because of its feel and the response that this car gives us to the road. We feel like we are one with the car. I am sure there are more, but this should cover the basic answers.

A few more questions: If you get into trouble on the road because of road conditions (ice or snow) or a pop-up incidence (ladder falling off the truck in front of you) can you avoid serious harm to you and your passengers? Can you drive the car to its limits in a safe environment? The answers are “yes” or “no”, however to get there requires some honesty on your part to face what real driving skill you have. After all, some of us have been driving for decades, so we are going to believe our driving skills are like that of a Formula One champion. Unfortunately, traffic accident statistics bring us to a different conclusion.

Even decades of driving cannot make you a safer driver than one of these schools can.

ADSS, or Advanced Driving Skills School, and HPDE, or High Performance Drivers Education, are the definitions of the two acronyms that I introduced at the start of this article. Street Survival and ADSS are very similar driving schools, with Street Survival being setup for drivers with a learners permit to 21 years of age, and ADSS for drivers with a few years, to decades of experience on the road. The ADSS and Street Survival schools take place in a parking lot where speeds rarely exceed 35 mph, whereas HPDE takes place on a race track and speeds can go beyond 100 mph. All the schools are focused on giving the driver new skill sets, skill sets that make driving safer then at the start of the school. Plus you will have fun mixed in and a new appreciation for the capabilities of your BMW, while being taught in a safe environment.



Carl Lewis and Pirelli summed it up perfectly in this early '90s ad campaign.

Advanced Drivers Education QUIZ

Why should you take advantage of ADSS, HPDE or Street Survival training?

- A) To give your child the driving tools to save their life in a driving situation that has gone bad.
- B) To get an additional 10% discount on your insurance for your child after they take Street Survival.
- C) To become a safer driver.
- D) To learn what your BMW can really do.
- E) To learn to have fun in your BMW while in a safe environment.
- F) All of the above.

(F : answer)



The ADSS & HPDE schools are not racing schools geared towards making you the next Formula 1 champion. Those are different schools and are taught by racing bodies such as the BMW club racing, Sport Car Club of America (SCCA) racing school and National Auto Sport Association (NASA) racing school. Normally you show up to these schools in a race car, with the race gear associated with racing and lots and lots of HPDE events in your driving profile.

One last thing: A lot of us instructors have been teaching at these schools for decades and we have never seen someone show up with all the skills that are being taught. Even decades of driving cannot make you a safer driver than one of these schools can. Advanced driving skills have to be taught, learnt and practiced. In an environment that is safe, that is what our club's schools accomplish. Students don't just graduate, but they walk away with driving skills that will allow them to survive on the street.

And now you know why it is, that our club focuses a lot of energy on ADSS, HPDE and Street Survival. ■■



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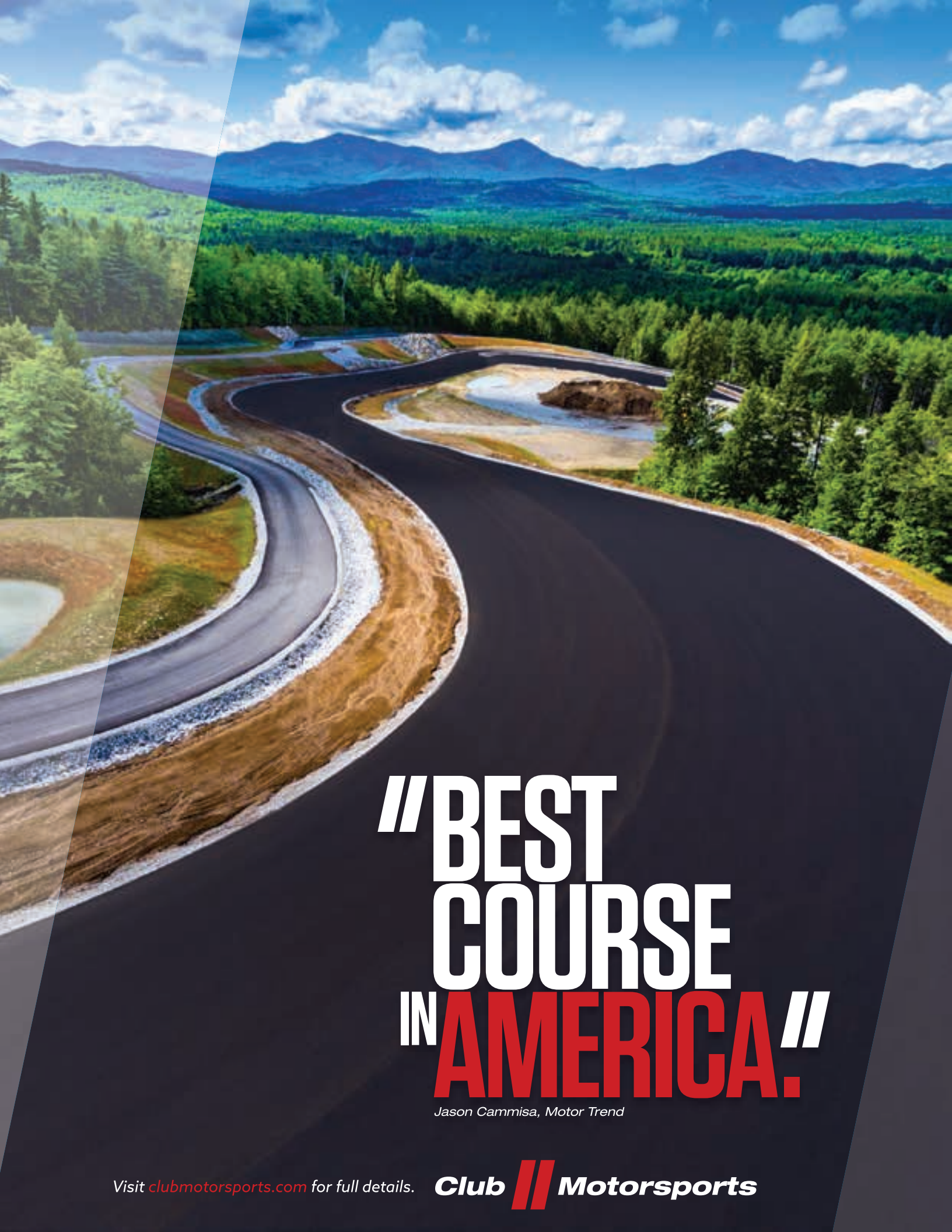
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Stealth Speakers (part 2) It's Not What You See, It's What You Hear Feel

by David Harrison, SEC Chair

Look around inside your BMW. Where are the bass speakers? You certainly can hear them, but even with a keen eye, you might be hard pressed to find them. Here's a secret... BMW loves to hide the 8 inch bass speakers in current models under the front seats. They are kept out of sight like a troll under the bridge. I guess they are not as sexy as the other speakers mounted prominently in the doors and dashes. The truth is subwoofers do not need to be out in the open since you tend to "feel" the deep lower frequencies as much as you hear them.

Last year I replaced most of my X3 speakers with an upgrade kit. This year I finished the job with two subwoofers. The great thing about the floor mounted bass speakers is that they were actually the easiest set to replace.

Nowadays, seats are simply mounted with four bolts which I was easily able to access in a straightforward manner. No clips, brackets, or wires to disconnect. Once the seat was unbolted, I simply removed a floor cover to get to speaker housing. (And as a bonus I had a great opportunity to really easily clean under the seats. I found loose change, a dealership pen, and enough snack remnants for a night at the movies). With the existing speakers now completely accessible, removing them was straightforward and simple. In no time at all then, my aftermarket system fit nicely into all existing mountings using all existing plugs.

With my "plug + play" audio upgrade from BAVSOUND, driving my BMW will never be the same.



Speaker access couldn't have been more straight forward. Just four bolts to remove the seat.



No, this is not what my speakers sound like. If you ask me, mine sound better.

I installed speakers from BAVSOUND and was very impressed with the quality as well as the customer service I contacted several times with questions. BAVSOUND has a slogan: "With our plug & play BMW Audio Upgrades, driving your BMW will never be the same." How true.

The overall sound is fuller than even the original factory premium Harmon / Kardon system. Other sound system suppliers are out there but you seem to get whatever quality of build and materials (and of course, sound) you are willing to pay for. This BAVSOUND bass certainly fills in the sound spectrum, but it doesn't drown my vehicle's occupants in disco thumping sound à la a Lady Gaga concert. That is a good thing in my experience. To get to that level would require additional big-time speakers and a whole other level of upgrade. But I prefer to keep my sound clean and stealthy, and this under-seat swap really hit the mark. ■



Identically sized. BAVSOUND speaker (L) and original OEM speaker (R).



Before. (L)



...and a few minutes later. (R)

[You can read part 1 of this two-part series in the 2016.2 (Apr-Jun) edition of the Profile. Back issues of the Profile can always be found on the chapter website. -ed.]

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.

july

Friday July 7th, 2017
5:00pm

Profile submission deadline



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Saturday July 29th, 2017
8:00am - 5:00pm

Tire Rack Street Survival School



Do you want to make your teen a safer and smarter driver? This BMW Foundation sponsored event helps students 21 years old and under learn skills beyond plain old Driver's Ed. Held in the parking lot at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. COST: \$75 Register NOW! (until 06/01/17)



august

Sunday August 13th, 2017
9:00am - 2:00pm

Larz Anderson Auto Museum - BMW Day



15 Newton St. Brookline, MA.
COST: \$20 entry fee for cars.
- RSVP

Monday August 21st, 2017
7:00am - 5:00pm

Summer Heat Driving School



Schools Out! Join us for some Summer time fun at NHMS. New Hampshire Motor Speedway. COST: See registration webpage.
Register NOW! (until 08/01)

september

Sunday September 17th, 2017
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 Headquarters in Portsmouth, NH. Questions? Contact (800) 535-2002.
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october

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5:00pm

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Saturday October 7th, through
Sunday October 8th, 2017
7:00am - 5:00pm

Fall Foliage Spectacular Driving School



Fall is in full swing - take advantage of the crisp temperatures at our October driving school. Club Motorsports, Tamworth NH. COST: TBD; Pre-Registrations only at this time. Register NOW! (until 09/07/17)

Tuesday October 17th, 2017
8:00am - 5:00pm

Advanced Driving Safety Skills School



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From the Far Side of 65 – Not Necessarily MPH

X1 meets M235i

by Gary M. Levine

I recently traded in my '07 Porsche Cayman for a '16 M235i. Nothing but pleasure, never had a problem with the Porsche, but after the Bank of Dad gave the Subaru winter car to our #1 son, I was faced with several realities. If I kept the Cayman, I'd need to buy another winter beater (not a very sound idea since we now spend most of the winter in Florida), or, put the Cayman's depreciating value toward something much more practical, (almost) as much fun, that could, in a pinch, be driven over the shoulders of winter. Living in an empty-nester house with a two car garage and no basement, I was getting tired of shifting cars back and forth to a remote storage facility as well as the additional costs of rent, insurance, taxes and maintenance.

To be blunt, as much as I enjoyed the Cayman, it was not MBH's plate of schnitzel. While the Cayman was a joy to drive, especially a few times a year at NHMS, it was noisy (but what a lovely flat six bark it had), and a bit of a tight fit, a struggle to ingress and egress for those their 8th decade. Its short wheelbase was not all that compliant on the highway or bumpy roads. I never could convince MHB that we should use it for travel. Once the Subaru was headed to its new home in Georgia, I started ruminating about what to replace the Porsche with. Collectively, we've had 5 BMWs since 1981. Not one was a disappointment (although one dealer back in NJ was). My three 3 Series coupes were enjoyable as daily drivers and fun on the track. I considered buying another BMW, particularly a 2 Coupe that lacked the bulk and plus size of the current 3 and 4 Series. We've also had two Audis that wore well, a TT and an S3, but I was devoid of an emotional response to either. Both seemed nose heavy and overpriced to me.

I need to admit that this unreformed, but well informed, car nut still preferentially reads Road & Track, Car and Driver and Roundel. All three (and the NY Times) praised the M235i when it came out. Thought I'd check one out, so a phone call to Steve Hammond at Tulley BMW, (who shepherded MBH through the purchase of her 2014 X1) set up a test drive. The drive from Hanover to Nashua was worth the trip. Convincing MBH to take a ride south, given her affinity for the Trader Joe's down the street from Tulley, wasn't hard. We both drove an M235i, were impressed and immediately ordered one.

So the 2 Coupe now co-inhabits our garage with MBH's X1. I've managed to record a conversation between the two cars soon after the 2 Coupe arrived. An edited transcript, translated from German follows:

X1: Willkommen, nice to meet you. You have that new car aroma?

M235i: I am just off the boat from Leipzig.

X1: Wunderbar, that's where I'm from too! Born in eastern Deutschland, they call me Angela. I was put together extremely well, not a squeak or loose screw these past two years. No warranty issues either. I suspected a new garage mate was in the works six weeks ago after the Subaru departed. Not a bad machine, but a bit



A happy family affair.

crude with little in common to talk about, especially with that Indiana twang. Another clue I gleaned was that the Old Guy stopped being so fastidious with the Porsche. Even took it to a car wash.

M235i: Never heard about Subie but I did briefly meet the Cayman. We had a conversation outside the showroom while they transferred his license plates to me. He spoke German but with a strange accent. He sounded

pretty pathetic. Hurt. Double crossed. He refused to believe he was now trade bait after eight happy years with the Old Guy. He did tell me that the Old Guy took great care of him and also took him out for some serious regular exercise on the local back roads as well as at Driver's School a few times each summer. But he hated spending the winter alone and brain dead in a remote unheated storage garage. ...and the indignity one winter when a mouse camped out in his car cover mirror sock!

X1: Well it's great having a landsmann, I love your muscular appearance and color combination. And those sexy orbit gray wheels.

M235i: I'm Pearly White with Oyster seats.

X1: I bet after the Old Guy chose you, MBH made the decision about your paint and interior color. She picked me out in Beige Metallic and beige leather. I'm told she turned down an orange X3 that the Old Guy had his eye on.

M235i: You are a striking SAV, Angela. So tell me about yourself. What's under your hood? I've got the turbo six and ZF 8-speed.

X1: I've got X Drive, the turbo four and the 8-speed too. Old Guy and MHB had quite a discussion about the 8-speed. All of the Old Guy's previous cars were manuals. But he wanted MHB to be able to share it and he was impressed with the performance of my automatic. I love it when the Old Guy shifts me manually.

M235i: He'll have a great time driving me, I'm equipped with four driving programs, and have the magic switch on the console that turns my sport programs on. Can't wait until I'm run in and I can rev to the redline. I've got paddles on my steering wheel too.

X1: Don't worry, neither of them use the EcoPro or Start/Stop feature. I get regular hand washes and detailing. The Old Guy even vacuums my engine compartment!

M235i: Great.

X1: One thing you need to know though, you'll probably spend the winter alone here, but this garage is always above freezing and Old Guy will clean you thoroughly, put you on Tire Cradles and a battery charger.

M235i: Danke. It should be a good family to join. ■

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WMC Winter Reunion 2017 Food, Fun & Friends all Wrapped in BMW

by David Harrison, SEC Chair

It is always difficult to motivate chapter members to attend a club event, any club event, when there is a chill in the air, snow in the forecast, and winter tires on our beloved BMWs. –But that was not the case one night this past February when a good few dozen of us met for the 2017 White Mountain Chapter Winter Reunion. None who attended were disappointed and everyone there enjoyed a great time.

A number of new members joined with frequent event attendees and longtime supporters of the WMC at the Common Man restaurant in Windham. The relaxed and friendly evening was the official kickoff of the club's New Year and a jump start to the exciting schedule of all sorts of upcoming events. Friendly conversation flowed nonstop and the enthusiasm levels were high in eager anticipation of the warmer days and club happenings that would be coming hopefully sooner than later.

Special thanks go out to Ultimate Bimmer Services of Nashua for supplying the "special" dessert cake (you really needed to be there to know what made it so "special"). And a special thanks to Bavarian Autosport as well, for providing so many door prize gift certificates. Both contributions made for many smiles and were appreciated by everyone there.

The evening of tasty food, and fun with friends wrapped up with a special fund raiser raffle, raising \$100 for the BMW CCA Foundation. Thanks to all who pitched in for a ticket or two.

No matter the season, the WMC strives to cater to BMW fans of all interests with fun and engaging events. So, a big thank you then, to everyone who, despite the chill in the air and snow in the forecast, joined us for a great night out, -was nice to see there! If you missed it, you missed out. Hope to see you next time.



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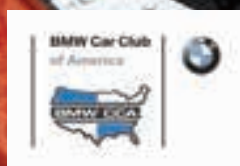
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