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Chapter photographer Barry Tarr caught this shot of a BMW hood after a down pour at a track event. For more details on track events and how you can

prepare, turn to the overview on driving activities starting on page 13.

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President's Message

by Simon Cooper

Welcome to our second annual Boston Chapter BMW CCA Membership Guide. One of the complaints we've heard from members is that they aren't familiar with all the activities and when they occur. This special issue of the *Boston Bimmer* is our attempt to pull together a thorough overview of the Chapter's events, activities, membership benefits and sponsors for members and prospective members.

As you read through this issue I ask you to remember all of the volunteers that make these events possible. It takes an army of committed volunteers to make all these events happen, as well as sponsors who offer their facilities and money. This group of volunteers (usually chapter members, just like you) and sponsors help us all enjoy our BMWs as they were meant to be enjoyed. None of these events would happen without a dedicated core of individuals who spend a lot of their time to facilitate these events solely for the personal reward they feel from being involved. No one is remunerated for putting on events or gets a free ride. And yes, I ask that you support our sponsors who help defray some of our costs with the hope that we will patronize their businesses. It is a symbiotic relationship that serves all of us in a positive way and allows our Chapter to offer world class events at affordable prices.

Our goal as a Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America is to provide ways for us to enjoy our BMWs. It's not all about track events, it is to provide a balance of activities that appeal to all our members. We strive for programs that will encourage all members to participate in at least one Chapter event. We also encourage other BMW owners to join the club so we can maintain a healthy mix of old and new members, which helps keep our programs fresh and innovative.

Over the last few years we have been changing some of our activities to align with member participation. Some events, like the Holiday Party were dropped because we didn't have enough participation to justify the expense. However, over the past three years we have added new events like the Autocross awards program, spring and fall fun rallies, and year round karting events. These changes were in response to your input and have been wildly successful. We hope that this Membership Guide will provide a baseline for additional input, both encouraging and critical, so we can continue to support and develop activities that continue to get members involved.

A key to getting involved is to meet people. Our technical sessions and quarterly meetings are a great, low stress way to meet other members and get a free meal. Meeting other members with similar interests can lead to participation in an Autocross, Rally or Concours. Those events will expand your base of friends in the club and can lead to other driving events or social activities. It all starts with one event, so I encourage you to try a small event, see what great members we have that have similar interests and get involved in your Chapter. ♦

Boston BMW CCA Membership Overview

Explore everything the Boston Chapter of BMW CCA Membership has to offer!

Special Membership Benefits:



- Print and online Publications: [Details on page 8](#)
- Service & Product Discounts: [Details on pages 8 & 9](#)
- BMW Parts Discounts: [Details on page 8](#)
- Technical Resources: [Year round, details on page 8](#)
- Social Networks: [Details on page 8](#)
- Annual BMW Raffles: [Details on page 8](#)
- Annual Oktoberfest: [Fall , details on page 8 & 35](#)

Driving and Track Activities:



- AutoCross & AX Driving School: [April - October , details on page 14](#)
- Advanced Driving Skills School: [April - October, details on page 16](#)
- High Performance Driving School: [April - October , details on page 18](#)
- Club Racing: [April - October , details on page 20](#)
- Driving School Venues: [details on page 22](#)
- Ground School & Sampler Driving Programs: [details on page 24](#)
- Ice Racing: [When the pond freezes over, see details on page 26](#)
- Indoor & Outdoor Karting: [Year round, details on page 28](#)
- Tire Rack Street Survival School: [*Spring and Fall, details on page 30.](#)

Social & Technical Activities:



- Quarterly Meetings with National Speakers: [details on page 32](#)
- Undercarriage Technical Sessions: [Year round , details on page 33](#)
- Women's Only Technical Sessions: [Details on page 33](#)
- Specialized Technical Events: [Details on page 33](#)
- Concours & Show and Shine: [Spring or Fall , details on page 34](#)
- Fun Rallies: [Spring and Fall, details on page 35](#)
- Performance Driving Related Travel: [details on page 35](#)
- Annual Oktoberfest: [Fall , details on page 8 & 35](#)



Welcome Members!

by Eric Kaul, Membership Chair

Welcome to the Boston Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America. If you're a renewing member, welcome back! If you're new, we're happy that you've joined, and I hope to meet you soon at one of our events. For all members, if you haven't done so, log onto www.bmwcca.org and register for an online account. Next, log onto our Boston Chapter website at www.boston-bmwcca.org and register for a "MyBoston" account. Enter your membership number when you fill out the profile and be sure to provide an email address that you check often. We won't abuse your personal email, but we will send you an occasional note about upcoming events that you can register for using your "MyBoston" account. If you use Facebook, send me a friend request at www.facebook.com/BMWCCA-BostonChapter and we can connect.

Now that we've addressed the administrative stuff: what do you drive, and what's your BMW Story? How did you hear about the BMW CCA and what do you want to do while you're here? Think of me as your virtual hub for figuring out what you want to do in the club. Do you want to meet other members who drive the same car as you? I found my "BFF" (Bimmer Friend Forever) after joining the club, and this is how it happened ...

When I became a BMW CCA member I owned a Sterling Grey E39 540i M-Sport. Before modifying it, I wanted to meet someone else who had installed similar modifications. Through the Boston Chapter website forum, I met "Anomal" who also had a Sterling Grey E39 530i with modifications similar to what I wanted to do. We agreed to meet at an Autocross event early in 2010. He wanted to check out my car and the Autocross event. As a plus, I had an empty seat for him to be my copilot. Needless to say, we became instant friends. After driving his car I realized that his modifications would be perfect for my car. In fact, we ended up making our cars similar in all respects (with the exception of the glaring engine difference). At autocross events, other members would invariably mistake my car for his and vice versa.

As the months passed, he taught me how to do brakes, suspension, and engine maintenance; and I helped him feel young again. Eventually, we realized that we were driving two ton luxo-cruisers in an event dominated by smaller, lighter cars that put us at a serious competitive disadvantage. That's when we decided to co-drive the E36 M3 that was given to me as a father's day gift in 2011 from my amazing wife, Anjali.

So why did I stay a member? The people. At every chapter event, people are eager to meet new faces and share their own stories. I am amazed at the number of friends and connections I've made through the club.

So, in order to start your journey, I encourage you to read through this Membership Guide and find an event where you can start to connect. Our Chapter offers nearly 50 events each year and there are hundreds of people just like you that are looking to meet people with similar interests. And by the way, you don't have to own a BMW to be a member. Some of our members join because they have a friend in the club or they want to participate in our activities. Still, others join for the special benefits and discounts. The Boston Chapter of BMW CCA is just that special.

The BMW CCA actually started in the Boston Area in 1969 by a small group of BMW owners who shared a passion for the marquee - which started with the introduction of the 2002. They turned to each other for advice and insight, but they stayed together because of the friendships they made and the camaraderie they enjoyed with each other. Over the course of 40+ years, over 480,000 people have signed up to become members in one of the 67 chapters of the BMW CCA, and it all started with our Chapter.

The Boston Chapter territory expanded this year to include the outer limits of Worcester and all of Rhode Island and now serves over 3200 members and associate members. Our goal each year is to enhance your enjoyment and minimize the expense of BMW and MINI ownership. We do that by managing a full schedule of driving, technical and social events, while arranging for generous parts and service discounts from local and national sponsors, local area BMW dealers and independent service shops. We work hard to find activities that are engaging to our membership. Last year, the Boston Chapter held 43 events that included free undercarriage inspections, driving schools, Autocross events, team and individual karting events, show & shine events, and fun rallies. To give you more insight into all these activities, this Membership Guide provides an overview of each event, details on how to register and how to get ready to participate!

So without further adieu, read on, and if you have any questions, email me anytime at Eric_Kaul@boston-bmwcca.org to introduce yourself and we'll see how we can ensure that you have a memorable experience! Thanks for joining (and staying) and I look forward to meeting or hearing from you soon! ♦



Members reaching 5-year milestones

The Boston Chapter is proud to be the oldest Chapter of the BMW CCA with many long standing members. Each year we salute those members who reached important anniversary dates in the year past. In 2011, nine Boston Chapter members celebrated their 40th year of membership, one reached his 35th year, and eight celebrated their 30th anniversary. If you know one of these members, please congratulate them on their milestone.

40 Years

Ivars Avots
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Stanley "Iceman" Jackson*
Brian Jarvis
Dana Rodin
John Sebastian
Paul Tosi
William Waechter
Bjorn Zetterlund

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Esen Frank
S. Furrer
Roger Goff
John Huddy
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D. Johnson
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Peter La Pine
Joe LaCoste
Fred Menschel
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Steven Price
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Stephen Cruse
John Cunningham
John Danskin
Paul Dello Iacono
Michael Demopoulos
Harvey DeMovick
Bernie Dennis
David Diamond
Peter Duffy
Robert Dyka
Conor Feely
Joe Feraco
James Flannery
Anthony Florindi
Steven Freeman
Michael Gilbert
Wayne Goldberg
John Gonsalves
Thomas Gould
Christopher Gove
David Guilmain
Tom Hamilton
Paul Harter
Scott Hazel
Suzanne Hazel
Brian Hilliard
Peter Honig
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Scott Hutton

Damon Katz
Peter Kjersgard
Christos Kourtidis
Jan Krusell
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James Lackey
Francois Lalonde
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Lee Levitt
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Michael Tveskov
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Arnold Van Doren
Stephen Walch
Jeffrey Waldman
Charles Wayne
Ralph Zajac ♦

35 Years

Robert Wareham

30 years

Douglas Cowan
Denis Friedman
Paul Garmon
Raffi Manjikian
Darryl Mikami
Mark Pisarkiewicz
R. Riddle
Gerry Weber

15 Years

John Beck
William Berezin
Roger Boudreau
Mitch Brown
Alex Campbell
Jotham Coe
Gary Colello
Floyd Connelly
David Corsetti
Patrick Dubsy
Richard Finnegan
Cynthia Frank
George Gobrial
Brian Gollaher
Stan Gustafson
F. Jackson
Todd Kenyon
Charles Kevorkian
Joseph Koral
Robert MacAlpine
James Malerba
Todd Merrill
Peter Morgan

10 Years

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Paul Alasso
Michael Allen
Gregory Angland
Kosta Arvanitis
Matthew Barvenik
Bill Begley
Robert Belkin
Ilya Belobokov
Marc Berger
Mindy Berman
Marco Boer
John Bottari
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James Bowers
Joseph Boykin
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David Bulkow
Arthur Burghouwt
John Calladine
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25 Years

Harold Appleby
William Bryant
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Barry Yeaw

20 Years

Thomas Aucella
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Special Membership Benefits:

BMW CCA membership has benefits and privileges that include special discounts on service parts and new BMW purchases. You may find, like many new members do, that the benefits pay for the membership.

Membership Rewards Program:

BMW CCA members in good standing for a year or more may be eligible for substantial rebates on the purchase or lease of a new or Certified Pre-owned BMW from any authorized U.S. BMW Dealer. Rebates currently range from \$250 to \$1,500 depending on the model. For full details, log on to bmwcca.org, and select the Membership Rewards Program.

Member Privileges:

- Access to 67 local Chapters which provide a range of social, technical, and driving events.
- Access to our Technical Service Advisors for personalized advice.
- Ombudsmen to help with dealer issues.
- Outstanding national events including BMW CCA's premier annual Oktoberfest gathering.
- Local and regional festivals, concours, social events, driving schools, autocrosses, rallies, safety schools, and Club Racing (*Boston events featured in this guide*).
- Free classified ads on the website and in *Roundel* and *Boston Bimmer* magazines.
- Friends of BMW: A roster of fellow BMW CCA members who can offer coffee and conversation, repair tools, workspace, sometimes even help when you're out on the road.
- Club library and video services. Borrow BMW-related books and videos
- Availability of a BMW CCA affinity credit card with special benefits including: your car pictured on the card, 1% cash back and 0% APR on balance transfers for 6 full months. Log on to bmwcca.org, and click on "VISA Card" icon under Member Benefits
- Free distinctive BMW CCA decals (*send an email to Eric_Kaul@boston-bmwcca.org*).
- Access to all areas of the growing online community at BMWCCA.org.
- Participation in BMW Special Interest Groups
- Performance driving travel opportunities.
- Eligible to participate in the annual BMW CCA "Car of Your Dreams" raffle.

Publications:

The Boston Bimmer: Published seven times a year, this 32 page full color magazine includes updates on Boston Chapter events as well as technical, educational and entertaining articles.

Roundel Magazine: Your annual membership includes 12 issues of *Roundel*. Named one of the finest car club

magazines in the world by *Car and Driver*, each monthly issue has 140+ pages of articles, reviews, photography, and classified ads dedicated to all things BMW.

Local Discounts on BMW Parts & Service:

To receive the parts discounts listed below and promotional discounts, you must provide your BMW CCA membership card at the point of sale. Dealers and service providers often provide special discounts the evening of technical or educational events co-sponsored by the Boston Chapter. Watch the Chapter website and the *Boston Bimmer* for notices of these events.

<i>BMW of Newport, RI</i>	20% on BMW Parts
<i>BMW Gallery Norwell</i>	15% on BMW Parts & Service
<i>BMW Gallery Norwood</i>	15% on BMW Parts & Service
<i>BMW of Peabody</i>	20% on BMW Parts
<i>BMW of Sudbury</i>	15% on BMW Parts
<i>Herb Chambers BMW of Boston</i>	20% on BMW Parts
<i>Inskip Auto Center BMW of Warwick, RI</i>	10% on BMW Parts
<i>Wagner BMW of Shrewsbury</i>	20% on BMW Parts

Service & Insurance Discounts:

HPDE Insurance: Lockton HPDE Insurance actually protects you where you need it the most, on the track. To learn more about their services and the BMW CCA discounts, log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the HPDE link.

JLBG Health Preferred: Whether you're looking for personal health insurance or coverage for your business, JLBG will provide personal advice and preferred rates. To learn more about their services and the BMW CCA discounts, log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the JLBG link.

Liberty Mutual Insurance: BMW CCA members receive a special group discount, and special benefits designed for BMW owners. To learn more about their services and the BMW CCA discounts, log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the Liberty Mutual link.

XCEL Federal Credit Union: XCEL Federal Credit Union offers BMWCCA members a special 0.15% discount off its already low rates for new, used, and refinanced vehicle loans through May, 2012. For details on the offer, log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the XCEL link.

MedJet Medical Evacuation: Medjet's medical evacuation membership covers you when you or our family member are hospitalized more than 150 miles from home,

domestically or abroad. BMW CCA members can get coverage at a reduced annual rate. To learn more about their services and the BMW CCA discounts, log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the medjet link.

Products & Service Discounts:

Allied Moving Benefits: The Allied Moving Benefits program can save you thousands of dollars on professional moving, while guaranteeing you world class service from the industry's top provider, including: Group discounts on full service, long distance moving and storage with Carey Moving and Storage, an agent for Allied Van Lines; Allied Van Lines most competitive rates on out of state moves; plus Service Guarantees and Corporate Perks guaranteed to reduce the cost & hassles of moving. To learn more about their services and the BMW CCA discounts, log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the Allied Moving link.

Brooks Brothers: BMW CCA members receive a discount of 15% off everyday prices on most Brooks Brothers clothing and accessories at Brooks Brothers stores, over the phone, and online. Occasional offers may include greater discounts. To learn more about their services and the BMW CCA discounts, log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the Brooks Brothers link.

From You Flowers: SAVE 20% on flowers and plants from FTD and 1800FLOWERS trademarked items, plus great savings on gift baskets and gourmet baked goods from brands like Godiva, Ghirardelli and Mrs. Fields. To learn more about their services and the BMW CCA discounts, log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the From You Flowers link.

Garages123: Garages123.com is excited to offer BMW members a 15% discount on all of our high-end garage storage solutions! Our garage storage products are easy-to-install, and perfect for the DIY'er. At Garages123.com, online shopping has never been simpler, and your order arrives right at your door. Design your dream garage with our online designer tool, or utilize our FREE design services. Design. Install. Enjoy. Please visit www.garages123.com for more information, or log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the Garages123 link.

Michelin: Get Michelin rebates on your purchases. To learn more about their services and the BMW CCA discounts, log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the Michelin link.

Sprint Wireless Services: Discounts of 15% or more on Sprint services including monthly reoccurring charges. To access quotes and current offerings, log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the Sprint Wireless link.

Vehiport: Receive a \$25 to \$50 discount on vehicle shipping services! Vehiport offers a vehicle transport solution that allows for secure customer logins, online order tracking, and completely paperless transactions. For details, log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the Vehiport link, or visit www.vehiport.com.

Travel & Leisure Discounts:

Anheuser-Busch Theme Parks: Receive discounted admission at Anheuser-Busch Parks, including: SeaWorld San Diego, SeaWorld Orlando, SeaWorld San Antonio, Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, Adventure Island Water Country USA, Sesame Place, Adventure Island and Water Country USA. To learn more about their services and the BMW CCA discounts, log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the Anheuser-Busch link.

Biltmore Mansion & Museum: Gain discounted admission to the 250-room, 8,000-acre Biltmore Museum and estate in Asheville, N.C. Discounted ticket prices vary and you must purchase tickets in advance to obtain the discount. To learn more about their services and the BMW CCA discounts, log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the Biltmore link.

BMW Performance Driving School Discounts: BMW CCA members get a 15% discount on BMW's Performance Driving School held throughout the year at the BMW Performance Driving Center in Spartanburg, S.C., and at other select locations throughout the U.S. Programs run one or two days using center-supplied BMWs and include car control clinics, M driving schools, and new driver/teen safety schools. For information, see the Experience Performance Driving Schools section of bmwusa.com or call 888-345-4269. Be sure to say you're a BMW CCA member and give your membership number when you register.

Grove Park Inn & Spa, Asheville, NC discounted rate: For full details and to access the BMW discount code, log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the Grove Park link.

Hertz & Avis Rental Discount: To access the discounts available and the BMW code, log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the Hertz or Avis link.

Crown Plaza/Intercontinental Hotel Group Discount: Receive discounts up to 20% on hotel stays world-wide when you book in advance. To learn more about their services and the BMW CCA discounts, log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the Crown Plaza link.

International Golf Rentals and Sales, Inc: Traveling with golf clubs can be risky and cumbersome. Choose your set and your rental clubs will be delivered to the course or hotel the day before your tee time and picked up as soon as you're done with them. To learn more about their services and the BMW CCA discounts, log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the International Golf Rentals & Sales link.

The Kessler Family of Hotels: The Kessler Family of Hotels is offering BMW CCA Members a special discount on room only rates and inclusive packages. A sample offering of packages include Biltmore Escape Package, Golf Getaway, Bed & Breakfast, Artful Asheville Getaway, Girls Getaway and Fly Fishing. For full details and to access the BMW CCA discount code, log on to bmwcca.org, click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the Kessler link. ♦

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Driving and Track Activities

What Track are you on? *The Boston Chapter offers lots of options.*

The Boston Chapter was founded by a group of people who loved cars. They were inspired by the original “sports sedan,” the BMW 2002. They quickly learned that the sports sedan was worthy of the same activities as a traditional sports car. That meant driving them beyond the everyday opportunities presented by public roads. They loved driving them, they loved working on them and they loved testing their skills in a safe, educational environment. They wanted to learn how to drive their cars its limits and their personal limits. It isn’t surprising then that the Boston Chapter developed some of the leading programs for driver training both on and off the track. There are different types of training and track experiences. Autocross, Karting and Advanced Skills and High Performance Driving each offer a different experience.



Autocross: Most of our members start out with Autocross. It is a controlled environment with just you and your car against the clock in a competitive, safe environment at moderate speeds, but with lots of action.



ADSS: As members progress, they want to learn better car control skills and understand how a car works “at the limit.” Our Advanced Driving Skills School provides that next step to understanding how you and your car can work together in ways you never imagined in all driving conditions.



HPDS: The High Performance Driving Schools provide an opportunity to put the ADSS experience together on the race track with in-car instructors. This lets you experience the true ultimate driving machine and learn both you and your car’s limits.



Club Racing: For those who want the ultimate experience the Boston Chapter offers BMW Club Racing Schools and Races. This requires significant experience and special equipment for those who are driven to compete, and win!



Ice Racing: Ice Racing is the ultimate Autocross with snow instead of cones and ice instead of asphalt. You can test your skills against the toughest elements and learn how to survive the worst roads that a New England winter can throw at you.



Karting: For those days when you want to experience the thrill of racing, and don’t want to invest in your own race car, Karting provides all the thrills in a safe, controlled environment with your friends from the Boston Chapter. Utilize the skills you learned in Autocross, ADSS and HPDS or do it with “on the job (track) training,” no experience required!

Not every driving experience is right for every member, but if you want to try something new or simply improve your skill set, the opportunities are there. This section will look at the different program events, their requirements and what you can expect if you participate.



Autocross: Man and car against the clock

Have you ever wondered what you and your car are really capable of?

Here's your chance to

find out in a safe, fun environment, with fellow enthusiasts. The Autocross Series is open to Boston Chapter BMW CCA members. If you are not a member of the Boston Chapter BMW CCA, you may join for only \$48 per year. If you are a BMW CCA member affiliated with a different Chapter, you may add the Boston Chapter to your current membership.

The annual series

Although the schedule changes each year, it normally includes eight Timed Events, two Autocross Schools, and an Evolution School. You will get points at all

events you attend, and if you attend 4 events or more, you could qualify for a trophy at our annual awards get together.

Who is eligible to participate?

The Autocross Series is open to BMW CCA members only. You don't have to own a BMW to be a member of the BMW CCA. ***We do check BMW CCA membership cards at the gate, so remember to bring your BMW CCA membership card to every event.***

Drivers must hold a valid drivers license and be 16 years of age or older. If you are 16 or 17 you will need to have your parents or guardians sign the "minor waiver" form in order to participate in this low-speed, non-racetrack event. We strongly encourage parents of minor drivers to attend these events. **Multiple drivers of a car are allowed, as long as each driver is registered separately.**

What happens the day of the event?

We strive to have a new course every event. Driver's meeting is very close to 8:00 a.m. The Driver's meeting is where we go over all the rules and safety guidelines so you must be present at the meeting to participate in the day's events.

We normally have two run groups: when one group works, the other group runs. There are two swap overs, and you have to catch a bite of lunch between runs or while working on the course, but you'll have plenty of company. A typical morning schedule looks something like this:

Gate Opens 6:30 a.m.
Registration 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
Tech Inspection 7:30 - 8:00 a.m.
Driver's Meeting..... 8:00 a.m.
Course Walk 8:30 - 8:50 a.m.
First Car Off..... 9:10 a.m.

At the Gate

You will check in at the gate where we are checking for a BMW CCA membership card and a valid drivers licenses, and to make sure your name is on the registration list for the event. If you are a registered driver or a registered guest, then you and everyone in your



Above, top: One new addition to the Autocross team is a new van that houses all the equipment and sports the new Boston Chapter logo.

Above, bottom: The van was purchased used and was then retrofitted for use at Autocross events. Some days workers even get a little shade while pulling their shift at the track.

car will be allowed to proceed. All participants, guests, and spectators 16 or older must sign the waiver of liability form. Everyone under 16 must have a parent or guardian sign a release form at the site. The forms are signed when you enter the gate at the autocross site.

Tech Inspection and Driver's Meeting

Find a parking spot, unload your car, and prepare it for Tech Inspection. You will then drive your car over to the Tech Staging Area, which will be in the center of the runway in the paddock area. You will need to stay with your car while waiting for your car to get inspected. After you have completed Tech Inspection, return your car to your parking spot. Make sure to attend the driver's meeting and only walk the course if it is clearly marked or announced that it is open for walking.

Safety topics and special announcements are covered in this meeting, so don't be late. The Driver's Meeting is also where you learn your run group and worker assignments.

Run Groups

Each event's participants are assigned to one of two or three run groups based on the car's class and number of participants in each class. Cars are classified when you register for the event. Each run group is made up of the participants from a number of classes. For example, a run group may consist of classes A, B, and C.

After the Driver's Meeting, the first run group lines up in the staging area. The second run group works while the first run group drives. After everyone in the first group has completed three or four runs, the second run group stages (lines up) to drive. The first run group reports to the timing and scoring booth for their work assignments.

With play comes work

You will receive their work assignments immediately after the Driver's Meeting. You may work as the starter, gate, control, timing, noise control, or at one of the flag stations. As an autocross participant, you will be required to work twice in one day. In autocross, timing is everything, so we ask you to be prompt



All cars, old or new, stock or modified, are classified by their ability. Cars in each autocross class are well matched to be competitive against. – Photos on this page were taken by Chapter photographer Dan Mull

in signing in with your worker boss, so we can minimize downtime. Our goal is to maximize the fun, on-track experience.

Be our guest

Not sure if you want to jump in feet first? Register as a guest to check out how autocrossing works first hand. Register by dropping an email to the Autocross Registrar and ask to be placed on the guest list.

Registration

If you think you'd like to give Autocrossing a try, watch the Chapter website for the date that registration opens, and review all the information you will need to sign up. The registration process can appear complicated when you register for the first time, but it's really quite easy. Just be sure to review all the background information and resources on the

Chapter Website before starting the registration process. The online resources will walk you through every step in the process.

You & your car

There are things you will need to do to prepare for your first autocrossing event. You will need to buy or borrow a Snell rated helmet. Your car will need to be prepared to pass a tech inspection to insure that it is solid and meets certain safety and sound requirements. A full list of what to bring and how to prepare for the event and the technical inspection can be found on the Chapter website. The chapter website also offers additional resources to help you prepare for the Autocrossing experience, including online handbooks and reference guides, which can be found in the Autocross section of boston-bmwcca.org.

Join us!

We're here to help you take the first step towards becoming an autocrosser! So don't be afraid to ask questions, or for help with the registration process. With any luck, we'll see you on the track. Until then drive carefully! ♦

– **Event Coordinators**

Larry Nicklas & Christo Tinkov



Advanced Driving Skills School: *Expanding skills, exploring potential*

The Boston Chapter holds several Advanced Driving Skills Schools (ADSS) each year. Driving

skills schools are designed to help you improve your driving skills and to learn about vehicle dynamics. The school's dual purpose is to prepare students for our High Performance School and to teach skills useful in everyday driving situations.

The schools are held in a large parking lot, using plastic pylons/cones, to provide a safe learning environment for these low to moderate speed maneuvers. The skid pad area is operated under a sprinkler system to practice the exercises at low speed and also to reduce tire wear. You need to be 18+ with a current driving license. Bring a car to drive but you will NOT need a helmet. Lunch will be provided, usually in the form of pizza so if you have any special dietary needs please bring your lunch with you.

The day begins with a "chalk talk", where our expert instructors explain about vehicle dynamics, the techniques students will be taught, and summarize the exercises for the day. Prior to the school, students should read the curriculum (courtesy of our friends in the White Mountain Chapter), for an in-depth understanding of what the school will cover.

Exercises at ADSS

Braking: The braking exercises allow students to learn braking with ABS, threshold braking, braking



Above: During the hands on portion of the program, a student practices the skills taught in the classroom on the track. – Photos on both pages by Todd Merrill

and turning, and both single and double emergency lane changes. These life saving accident avoidance maneuvers prepare students for numerous real-world situations.

Skid Pad: The practical exercises include spending part of the day on our skid pad and figure eight courses, learning about: under-steer, over-steer, steering with the throttle, secondary effects, "the line", and power-slides. These basic building blocks are key to learning how to bring your car under control, when the unexpected happens.

Combined: At the end of the day the students get to put together all the skills that they have learned with numerous fun-filled runs through our combined exercise course. Students demonstrate braking while turning, inducing rotation, countering under-steer and over-steer, and other techniques by navigating through this challenging course.

Who should attend & what to expect?

Attendance at a Boston Chapter Advanced Driving Skills School is strongly recommended for anyone who is attending their first Boston Chapter Driving School, but anyone who wants to improve their driving skills is encouraged to attend. Please keep in mind that this is NOT practice for any racing or speed contest. It is a safe, advanced driving skills school, conducted on a paved driving surface under close supervision by experienced instructors. You will learn how to handle and control your vehicle in aggressive maneuvers at low to moderate speeds. This school will help to prepare you for emergencies in normal driving. It will also allow you to explore your capabilities as a driver and those of your vehicle.

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Enrollment

For the dates, registration deadlines and full enrollment guidelines, log on to the Chapter website at boston-bmwcca.org for complete details. Please note that priority for enrollment will be given to those entered as novices in Boston Chapter Driving Schools. Other applicants will be accepted, on a space available basis.

The Cost

Fees for the event ranges from \$70 to \$110 per Entry/Driver and varies annually. The rates for this year are:

\$70 . . . if required by Boston Chapter Driving School

\$90 for BMW CCA members

\$110 for non-BMW CCA members

Note: rates are subject to change

Cancellation policy:

In order to receive a refund of your entry fee, you must cancel ten days prior to the event AND we must find another driver to take your spot in the event. All cancellations will be charged a \$10 processing fee regardless of when received.

Additional requirements:

Classroom attendance: All participants are required to attend the classroom session to learn about vehicle dynamics and advanced driving techniques.

Approved vehicles: Only vehicles suitable for aggressive maneuvers will be allowed. All registered street legal passenger cars are approved. Race-prepared vehicles will be permitted at the discretion of the event chairperson. Trucks, SUVs, or other tall or high center of gravity vehicles will be allowed at the discretion of the event chairperson.

Vehicle inspection: The car you use in the event must be:

- In good mechanical condition and safe in the opinion of the instructor. (There will be a brief safety inspection of the car before it is allowed to participate.)



Photos from top to bottom: The course for Advanced Driving Skills School is in a picturesque setting, especially in the Fall.

Navigating wet roads on the school's tight course can be challenging as this student learned.

- Be a legally registered, licensed and insured to participate.
- We will not accept any race cars or special use vehicles into the school.
- Have plenty of gas in the car for the day's event
- Have no visible leaks of any kind.
- Have tires with visible tread and not worn to or beyond the wear bars.
- Have all four tires at the recommended pressure as listed in the Owners manual for the car. Do NOT over inflate the tires past the recommended pressures.
- The pressures listed on the side wall of the tire is considered the MAXIMUM pressure, not the recommended pressure.
- Be cleaned of all loose items before participating, including the trunk. Please note: The battery and spare tire must also be secure to participate.
- Free of Nitrous Oxide use, and our instructors must be able to verify that the bottle is turned off during the entire event.

Other requirements: All participants must present a valid driver's license and be at least 18 years of age. Seat belts are mandatory and must be securely anchored to the floor and/or stock mountings. ♦

– **Event Coordinator, Will Howe**

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High Performance Driving School: *Exploring limits on the track*

New members often ask, “What is HPDS?” The purpose of all Boston Chapter BMW CCA

driving schools is to improve your driving skills. Instructors emphasize the relationship of driver and machine, making them function in unison and giving you, as a student, the opportunity to learn your limitations and expand your capabilities, thus creating safe driving skills and habits in a controlled situation.

High Performance Driving School

The school is conducted on a racetrack under the close supervision of experienced and trained instructors. You will learn how to handle and control your vehicle at speeds not normally attained on public roads. This will help to prepare you for emergencies in normal driving. It will also allow you to explore your capabilities as a driver and those of your vehicle.

At no time will you be pushed or encouraged to go any faster than is comfortable for you. All participants will be organized into run groups in accordance with experience, skill, and type of vehicle.

What you learn on the track depends on your driving skill. Beginners are taught driving style (smoothness, consistency, the ability to read the track), more experienced participants continue to work on consistency, while developing new skills such as trail braking, and threshold braking. Every time you are on the track, you will have an experienced instructor in the passenger seat.

For the most experienced drivers, you can be “signed off” and drive solo when you have proven to your in-

structor and the Chief Instructor that you understand the basics of high speed driving, you can consistently drive the correct line, and you show proper etiquette on track. Maturity, good judgment, skill and significant experience will lead to being signed off for solo driving. Even if you are a solo student, you are still highly encouraged to learn new skills from your instructor. In fact, National BMW Club rules require an instructor be in-car for at least part of the event for all students.

Classroom versus track time

Your day is divided between driving on the track, classroom sessions, or free time. Yes, this is a school, and there is mandatory classroom time. In the classroom, you learn high speed driving theory. All participants are required to attend classroom sessions to learn vehicle dynamics and driving techniques.

These sessions will continue throughout the day to help you understand the fine art of high speed driving. In the classroom, you learn high speed driving theory. You learn everything from “why tire pressure matters,” to what is the difference between an “early and late apex”. Car physics, such as what is really happening when I brake or why my car under-steers or over-steers is also discussed. Each classroom normally has a question and answer session.

What HPDS is NOT

Though you are on a racetrack, with 20-30 other drivers of similar driving skills, it is not a race. Passing in corners is not allowed, and you are not expected to shift at redline, or go screaming through each corner with the tires squealing. Safety of the event is of the utmost importance. Driver conduct will be diligently monitored throughout the day by the staff, instructors, and corner workers. Infractions of the rules will not be tolerated, and will likely result in dismissal from the school.

Registration & payment

Register for events on Boston Chapter’s Online Event Registration system. Your online entry date determines your priority. When you use the online system to register for the school, you are not yet accepted for the school. The event coordinator and registrar determine who is accepted into this school. If you are accepted into this school, you will be notified by email.

The Chapter uses PayPal for driving school registration fees. If you are accepted you will be sent an email



A morning Drivers’ Meeting at Mont Tremblant brings everyone together for a review of safety guidelines and a chance to meet new participants and develop friendships.

containing payment details. Your date of registration will be your online filing date, provided you send payment via PayPal for the proper amount within three days of our request for payment. If your payment is more than three days after your online registration date, you will be recorded as having registered on the date the payment was made. Check your "My Boston Chapter" for your status.

Wait-list rules

Due to applicant demand and instructor availability, we are uncertain as to the total number of students that will be admitted. If we receive more registrations than students we can admit, a waiting list will be created. Please indicate in your registration whether you wish to be placed on the waiting list. It is possible that we may resort to a blind lottery if we are oversubscribed. If your registration is not one of those initially accepted and you do not wish to be wait-listed, your registration will be considered closed. All applicants are required to download the appropriate Tech Inspection and Day of Event documents which contain important information regarding car preparation requirements and schedule at least three weeks prior to the school.

Cancellation and refund policy

In order to receive a refund of your entry fee, you must cancel by the date listed in the specific event description AND we must find another driver to take your spot. After this date there will be no refunds for any reason. All cancellations will be charged a \$30 processing fee regardless of when received.

Special novice student price incentive

As an added encouragement to attend our already exciting and rewarding Driving Schools, the Boston Chapter will offer a \$100 discounted price to Novice students signing up for a number of our driving schools for the first time. In order to participate in the discount program the student must have zero track experience, be a member of BMW CCA, and of course be 18 years old. (Note

- Track experience does not include autocross, carting, driving simulators or video games). The student will be placed in our novice run group for the entire day and will be assigned a mentor to help acclimate them with the activities throughout the day.

Novices (drivers with no previous Driving School experience) are urged, schedule permitting, to attend an Advanced Driving Skills School run by the Boston Chapter prior to this event as the schedule allows. ADSS school dates are listed in the calendar and are held at NHMS. ADSS is designed to help you better understand your vehicle before coming to the track. There is an additional \$70 charge for attending the ADSS.

One of the best parts about the HPDS Program are the special venues where programs are offered. Look for the full list of venues listed later in this guide. ♦

– Event Coordinators: Joe Marko & Simon Cooper



Top: The Boston Chapter's home track for high performance driving schools is New Hampshire Motor Speedway, shown here.

Bottom: The annual HPDS at Mont Tremblant in Quebec, Canada is always a highlight of the year.

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Club Racing: *The ultimate driving test*

BMW Club Racing is for BMW CCA members who want the thrill of wheel to wheel competition

at the limit of their car's performance in a controlled environment. You can race at the countries most famous race courses and form a great camaraderie with your other racers. Club Racing is managed by BMW CCA Club Racing which is separate from the day to day activities of the Boston Chapter. Club Racing sets and supervises rules and classifications to make for safe, fun competition for those drivers who are at the pinnacle of performance driving. While offering wheel to wheel competition, Club Racing sets guidelines that

mandate safety and keep entry costs attainable. The objective is a fun environment that preserves cars and friendships.

Different from SCCA

BMW Club Racing differs from SCCA or professional racing which are regularly marred with car damage and "rubbing". Club Racing runs under what are known as Vintage Racing Rules that were developed by owners of classic race cars that were meant to be driven in competition, but were too valuable to be driven in the style of NASCAR, with "chrome horn" and "dive bomb" passing maneuvers. The objective is competition with respect for the equipment. Too aggressive of driving will result in a "13-13" rule which will disqualify aggressive drivers from future events. So you get good, clean racing without too much bent sheet metal.

Requirements

The rules require that cars be prepared to competition safety standards with roll cages, fire extinguishers and other safety equipment and that the driver wear full fireproof driving suits, head restraints, etc for safety. The car must be a BMW and is classified in competition categories based on weight, horsepower and modifications. It is possible to take an E30 325i that is stock with only safety modifications and race it in Club Racing, or take an ex-PTG or Turner M3 and race with the fast guys. It's up to you and your wallet.

How to start Club Racing

There are several routes to Club Racing. One of the most common is to start with High Performance Driving Schools and work your way up the ladder to become an instructor. Then it is just a matter of attending a Club



One of the most exciting Club Races of each year is held at Bimmer Across the Borders at Mont Tremblant, Canada.

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Another exciting shot of club racing at the annual Bimmer Across the Borders event held at Mont Tremblant, Canada.

Racing School, (Boston Chapter normally sponsors a school each year) preparing your car and applying for a license. There are variations on this process and you should check out the Club Racing web site for details, but the bottom line is you need experience and training to qualify for a license. A BMW Club Racing competition license is recognized by most racing sanctioning bodies and can open the door to a variety of racing opportunities. If you are interested in checking out club

racing you can attend a Club Race as a spectator, or talk to the Club Racers that normally attend Boston Chapter HPDS events during the year. And, if you want to really see what it's like, but don't want to invest in a race car to find out, we normally have a Club Racing School during the year and you only need experience, a driving school car and driving school equipment to participate. ♦

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Venues for ADSS & HPDS Programs

A race track to a person hooked on driving is a field of dreams, sort of like a famous golf course to a golfer. There's nothing like your home course, but let's face it, variety is the spice of life. That's exactly why the Boston Chapter has developed relationships with many different race tracks and offers programs annually at 3 or more different tracks each year. Some of these locations are legendary, and each offers a unique experience. Here are a few of the tracks that are perennial favorites with Chapter members.

New Hampshire Motor Speedway

NHMS New Hampshire Motor Speedway is the Boston Chapter's home track and is an excellent choice for your first track day, because it is easy to get to and more events are scheduled for this venue. Famous for its NASCAR oval, the Boston Chapter actually runs a road course configuration on this track which uses the straights from the oval, and often one of the big banked turns as well. This 12 turn 1.6 mile circuit is fun and challenging, with elevation changes and nearly continuous turning.

NHMS is about 1.25 hours north of Boston. Take I-93 North to Concord, NH. Take exit 15E onto I-393 West. Take Exit 3 onto NH route 106, turning left to go North

toward Loudon, NH. The track is 9 miles on your right. Many people will get up

early to arrive at 7am for registration. You may prefer to go up the night before and stay at a local motel in Loudon or Concord, NH. You can consult the track's lodging recommendations at www.nhms.com. On the day of the event, the track's Checkered Flag restaurant is usually open for breakfast and lunch. ♦



Watkins Glen International

WGI Watkins Glen International is a 3.45 mile road course located in the middle of New York State at the tip of Lake Seneca. Its rich racing heritage is famous as are the track's long straights and high speeds coupled with extensive elevation changes. While it has about the same number of turns as NHMS, it is a bit more intimidating due to the higher speed potential of the long straights. Normally the Chapter has only one event at the Glen, but those who participate say it's worth making the effort for this once a year event. First time participants are welcome, but this event fills up fast.

When signing up for an event at Watkins Glen, be aware it's about 7 hours west of Boston, so make sure you've allowed extra travel time in your schedule. Many participants travel there taking I-90 (Mass Pike) West, then I-87 (New York Thruway) North toward Albany, then I-90 West toward Buffalo. There are several variations which differ in length, but all take about the same amount of time. Be careful of speed traps in New York State, and

allow enough time to get some rest before the event begins.

The Seneca Lodge is the most historic and popular lodging at the Glen, but it is also pretty rustic (seasoned participants warn to avoid the cabins). However there are many other places to stay nearby. For other lodging options, visit www.theglen.com and check out "Accommodations" under the "Fan Info" section. There is a gas station in the town of Watkins Glen at the intersection of Route 16 and Route 414 which has coffee and convenience-store-style breakfast in the morning. There is usually no food available for purchase at the track, so pack a lunch or drive into town at lunch (perhaps with a friend). Gas up either the night before or in the morning before heading up to the track. Print some maps so that you'll know where you are going in the morning. ♦



A Family Vacation with the Ultimate Driving Experience? Le Circuit Mont Tremblant

LCMT Built in 1964 in the shadow of the majestic Mont-Tremblant, this picturesque and twisty 15-corner track has been described by some as 2.65 miles of the Nurburgring transplanted into Canada. Situated in one of the most gorgeous settings in the world, the Le Circuit Mont Tremblant (LCMT) layout is a classic. It combines the natural topography of the site with elevation changes from the start/ finish line to corner 8 and back. The course has a very challenging hill/turn combination, a hair-pin turn, and fast straights. LCMT is more challenging than NHMS for a first track day, but it offers the unique chance to combine a family vacation with a track experience.

The setting is a European-style resort village of Mont Tremblant nestled in the splendor of the Laurentian Mountains, located just 90 miles northwest of Montréal. The village and the recreational facilities nearby makes track events at LCMT the perfect vacation getaway for the entire family. Within a two mile radius, you will find fine restaurants, shopping, and over 100

miles of protected trails for biking, skateboarding, and


roller blading, two great golf courses, an aquatics center, spa, and a beautiful lake with a large beach. In short, the area offers activities for the entire family.

Mont Tremblant is about 7 hours northwest of Boston. Preferred routes are I-89 through Vermont or up I-93 to I-91 and then A-10 West once in Canada.

The track usually has fantastic food for purchase at the café by the entrance gate, and there is a Petrol Canada gas station on Chemin du Village past Chemin Séguin on the outskirts of the old village of Mont Tremblant. All tracks have sound limits, but the sound limits at Mt. Tremblant are especially strict. During most events, the Sound Pressure Level limit is 92dBA, measured at 50'. We encourage participants to be respectful and as quiet as possible to minimize potential conflict. ♦



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Ground School & Sampler Program: To learn more before you commit

The Boston Chapter offers different ways to learn more about its Driving School programs and the people running them. If you're interested but not ready to commit, mark your calendar for the Annual Ground School or sign up for the Driver's School Sampler Program.

Ground School

Each Spring, a Ground School is held in the Boston area to introduce driving events, meet the people involved, and get inside tips. Try to attend if at all possible. You should also download and read the New Performance Driver's Guide to High Performance Driving Events. Check the events calendar for the date.

Driver's School Sampler Program

If you're curious about HPDS at Race Tracks but are not sure it's for you, consider registering to be a non-driving participant in the Driver's Sampler Program. This is a great way for spouses and/or those not sure of their interest level, to experience a driving school. Sampler programs are only offered occasionally, so watch the Ultimate Calendar on line for dates, or email a member of the Driving Committee to express your interest.

What to expect

You will be joining other Boston Chapter members at a race track, like New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) in Loudon, NH, Watkins Glen International (WGI), in Watkins Glen, NY, or Le Circuit Mont Tremblant (LCMT) in Mt. Tremblant, Quebec, Canada. You'll have much the same experience as the student drivers, except that you'll ride as a passenger in an instructor's

car, rather than drive your own car. This is a great way to see what a Driving School is all about before trying it yourself. In addition to your optional instructor ride, you'll attend one or more Ground School classroom sessions, observe the cars trackside, hang out with the instructors and student drivers.

While the Boston Chapter takes these driving events very seriously, particularly with regard to safety and education, we are also a friendly, outgoing bunch of folks who want to share our enthusiasm with you. This is not a racing school. If interested, you will be riding in an instructor's car, which may be anything from a normal street car to a full-out race car.

To read all about what the student drivers will be doing, download the Performance Driver's Guide from the Boston Chapter's website www.boston-bmwcca.org; look under Event Descriptions / Driving Schools.

Key contacts, such as Event Chair, Driving School Sampler Program Coordinator, and Event Registrar are listed in the Driving School Sampler Program event registration page on the chapter's website.

What you'll need

To attend this Driver's School Sampler Program event, you need to:

Pre-register for the specific Sampler Program event on-line at www.boston-bmwcca.org. Space is limited. If your plans change, please be sure to cancel so that someone else will be able to attend.


Be 18 or older and free from any condition which would prevent you from safely riding in a car at speed.

Own or borrow an approved helmet: Your helmet must be Snell rated or SFI 31.1 rated, 2005 or newer. Both M (motorcycle) and SA (car) helmets are fine. It may be open face or full face. However, a motorcycle "half shell" or other unapproved helmets are not allowed. DOT approval is insufficient. Look inside the helmet liner for an official Snell or SFI rating sticker.

- If you borrow a helmet from a friend, make sure that it fits well. A helmet that is too loose will not protect you. A bit snug is better than a bit loose, but not so tight that you get a headache.
- If you don't own and can't borrow an approved helmet, you may be able to borrow one of the club's helmets. See the Program Guide Booklet for full instructions on borrowing a Chapter owned helmet.

Abstain from: Alcohol, illegal drugs and performance-limiting medications before and during the event.

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Download the event's Day of Event information from www.boston-bmwcca.org. Click on the event, read the event description, and follow the link to the Day of Event information. There you should review the chapter and national liability waivers which you'll be required to sign at the track. You may also complete the optional medical form.

Be prepared: To make your experience more meaningful, you may wish to read the Glossary of Driving Terms and Jargon and familiarize yourself with the signal flags. Travel, lodging, logistical information, a track map, and a track description are available for each race track on our website, located under Event Descriptions/Driving Schools/the specific guide for the track you will be attending.

The Morning at the Track

Read the event's Day-of-Event document to determine the event schedule; don't be late as registration closes promptly and the track will deny entry to late arrivals. When entering the track, follow the instructions for the driving participants. Park out of the way, leaving the closer parking spots for those driving on the track.

Feel free to mill around. Introduce yourself to the event organizers, who are usually located in the garage bays closest to the track's Pit Road. Attend the driver's meeting, usually scheduled for 8:30. Feel free to go in the garages or driver parking areas to chat with the drivers and look at all the cars.

Listen for PA announcements. You should attend the driver's meeting and there may be a meeting to coordinate your ride with an instructor. After the driver's meeting, you'll attend the Ground School classroom.

You'll receive instructions for meeting your instructor and getting your demonstration ride on the race track. Usually rides will be given during the second instructor run group.

Keep on top of your schedule and drink to stay hydrated (even in cool weather). You are welcome to stay for the whole day and attend all the classroom sessions, or you may leave anytime at your leisure. Schedules vary, but usually you will have experienced at least one class and your demonstration ride by lunch time.

Everyone at the track wants you to have a good time, because we all hope that you'll sign on to join us in our passion for driving schools. So don't be shy about asking anyone ques-

What to bring to the track:

- Approved helmet
- A printed copy of Sampler Guide and the Day of Event document.
- Long pants and long-sleeved shirt (for safety). No nylon clothes.
- Rain clothes (jacket and pants, or poncho) and umbrella.
- Closed lace shoes with socks.
- Spare clothes in case of rain, cold, or heat. If warm weather, include a t-shirt and shorts for when you aren't in the car.
- Hat, sunglasses & sunscreen for sun protection.
- Wallet & coins for lunch & beverage machine.
- Pen for taking notes during the Ground School classroom sessions (if desired).
- **Camera (optional).**
- **Snacks and beverages (optional).** NHMS and LCMT generally have food available at the track; WGI generally does not.

tions! Take it easy driving home as highway speeds may seem slow compared to race track speeds and the local police know this. ♦

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Ice Racing: *Man and motor against nature*

Ice Racing is Auto-crossing on ice. Ice races are designed to be safe, low-pressure events in which

all participants have fun! The primary goal of Ice Racing is to develop drivers who can successfully control their vehicles in adverse driving conditions with consistency. Consistency requires that winter driving techniques become natural reactions, which carry over into safer driving on icy, wet, and even dry roads. These natural reactions develop through using the least amount of input for the desired response and doing it smoothly, becoming aware of the car's individual qualities and handling, and by spending time on the ice practicing car control. As we are striving for consistency, we average scores when it is reasonable to do so.

Quick overview

Please review all of the Boston Chapter Ice Racing web pages on the Chapter website before submitting an inquiry to the Ice Racing staff. Most Ice Racing inquiries, including those concerning Pre-Registration, Registration, Car Classification, Timing, Scoring, and Trophies should be directed to the Ice Racing Coordinator, Stan Jackson Jr. You must Pre-Register using our online registration system to run in any Boston Chapter Ice Race. Pre-Registration does not obligate you to attend an Ice Race. Payment is accepted during Registration at each event.

We plan for five Ice Races each season. Events are generally held on Sundays; however, we may occasionally schedule a Saturday event. Ice Races normally take place between late January through the end of March, which provides ten possible weekends. The specific dates are determined based on ice and weather conditions. The status of each tentatively scheduled event is announced on the Ice Racing Bulletin. The final decision each weekend

will be posted by 12:00 noon or shortly thereafter on the day prior to the event.

Ice Racing Bulletin

The Ice Racing Bulletin is distributed via email to everyone who Pre-Registers for the event, and is posted on the Boston Chapter website as well. It is sent out periodically during the weeks when events are scheduled, generally on Wednesday evenings and by early afternoon on Saturdays. The latest Ice Racing Bulletin is your best source for event status. Additional details such as event updates, ice conditions, and weather conditions will be distributed via the Ice Racing Bulletin. When you Pre-Register for this event, you will automatically be subscribed to the Ice Racing Bulletin. All event details are emailed to you, via the Ice Racing Bulletin. For more details please check out the Boston Chapter Bulletin Information web page on the Boston Chapter website.

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Hamshire. Because we are driving cars on a frozen lake, many precautions have to be taken to make sure the ice and the course are safe. Since we don't have a Zamboni to clear the track for us, we use a pick-up truck with a snowplow to clear a course. If there is a lot of snow, the track may have tall snow banks. When it's cold with little snow it's like driving on glass. But if it warms up enough, that glass begins to develop a surprising amount of traction. It's always thrilling! It's important to read the Bulletin, because when the ice or the weather conditions aren't right, we don't race. So don't show up without checking the weekly update.



Ice Racing allows you to sharpen your driving skills under the absolute worst road conditions. Photos taken by Chapter Ice Racing photographer, Allison Feldhusen.

A typical Ice Racing schedule

7:45 to 9:00 am	Registration
8:00 to 9:20 am	Course Familiarization Laps
9:30 am	Driver's Meeting
by 10:00 am	First Car Off, Practice Course Opens
4:00 to 5:00 pm	End of event (estimate)
4:30 to 6:00 pm	Dinner and Trophies at Village Pizza!

Cars & classes

Ice Racing Classes are based on your vehicle and your tire type. All vehicles must be street-legal based four-wheel vehicles that are properly muffled. Vehicles are categorized as front, rear, or four/all wheel drive. Tires are designated as All-Season/Summer, Snow, Super Snow, or Studded. For a full list of the classes and tire designations see the Ice Racing Event Description on the Chapter website.

Timing, scoring, & trophies

Your Score for the day will be the average of your two best Run Ranks if there are three or more Runs that day. If only one or two Runs can be completed, your Score

for the day will be your single best Run Rank.

Your Run Times are your elapsed times for each Run. Your Run Rank for a particular Run is your rank within your Class ordered by Run Times.

If you had the fifth fastest time in your Class for Run 1, your Run Rank for Run 1 would be 5. Assuming an Ice Race with four Runs, and if your Run Ranks were 2, 4, 7, and 3, your Score for the Day would be the average of 2 and 3 = 2.5.

Things to remember

- Make sure you have up to date event information from the website or from the Bulletin.
- Bring lots of warm, windproof clothing, footwear, and gloves – the weather is not the same up here!
- The location for Registration depends on where we are running that weekend, but it is usually at the Ledges Condominiums Clubhouse. Check the Bulletin before you leave for the event.
- Newfound Grocery offers food and gas. However, it is best to bring a lunch, as there isn't always a good opportunity to drive back into town.
- Fill your fuel tank prior to arriving on the ice.
- Take all of your trash with you when you leave and use the restroom facilities provided.
- Please do not dump oil or any similar fluids.
- Please drive SLOWLY after your Run, and in all parking areas!
- Tune your radio to ICE 88.5 FM while at the event to listen in to station WBMW, which broadcasts all of our Ice Races!
- **Everyone has a work assignment. Know when yours is and be on time.**
- **Review the Ice Safety Rules before the event.**
- **Follow the rules and act respectfully.**
- **Prepare to have a great time! ♦**

– **Event Coordinator: Stan Jackson Jr.**



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Once the leaves are falling from the trees, the auto-cross cones are packed away for the winter, and your R-compound tires are in hibernation, it's time for wheel-to-wheel racing karting style. There's no better way to keep your reflexes taut and the adrenaline flowing than by attending our indoor events at the world-class facility of F1 Boston (www.f1boston.com) in Braintree, MA. Due to the high level

of interest members have for karting, the Boston Chapter Karting Program now makes it's way to the F1 Outdoors track in East Bridgewater, MA when the weather gets warmer.

This is real wheel-to-wheel racing without the expense of maintaining your own club race car, and the g-forces exceed anything you'll experience at a driving school or autocross. It's also a great way to learn about car control in these open-wheel racing karts. You can see exactly where the wheels are pointed, and then compare their location with what direction the kart actually ends up going. Then the next time into a given corner you can alter your line and see how the kart responds with your new inputs.

Come once or for the series

Each year the program generally offers a Karting Challenge Series indoors plus individual sprint events and a team enduro outdoors. The series consists of Sprint qualifying rounds run at F1 Boston on three separate weekends during the Fall and Winter. Each of these events consists of three, 12 lap races and a 15 lap run-off. Runoffs are composed of the 12 drivers with the fastest "average" lap times (add up your fastest lap in the 3 races and divide by 3). The top 5 finishers in the runoff are invited to compete in the Joint Track Championship Event at the end of the Winter season. If there's a repeat qualifier in the 2nd or 3rd Sprint round, then the 6th finisher in the runoff will qualify, and so on if there are other repeaters.

The Team Enduro event at F1 Outdoors has 15 teams of 3 or 4 drivers who compete for bragging rights. You can assemble your own team for this event, or enter solo and be assigned to a team. The Enduro is a 90 minute race that has 8 mandatory pit stops. The timing of the stops and driver changes is determined by each team. The objective is to run fast, run clean, and not get hung up in the pit lane for too long. The karts are also more powerful and can reach speeds in excess of 50 mph. While this may not seem fast in the luxurious confines of your "Ultimate Driving Machine," sitting a couple of inches from the ground with no suspension, you'll definitely become one with the kart – and those corners will come up on you really fast!

Championship events

Since you have to earn your spot in the Indoor Karting Challenge Championship Round by your performance



Above: Boston Chapter members are suited up and ready for the start of a run on the F1 Boston Indoor track.

Next page: These scenes are from the Team Enduro outdoor events sponsored by the Boston Chapter.

in one of the 3 Sprint qualifying races, registration is "by invitation only." There will be a 5 minute practice session for everyone to warm up themselves and the tires. Then, 2 qualifying races of 11 laps each and a 15 lap championship race. Grid order in Qualifying Race #1 is based upon the fastest lap times from the Sprint Rounds. Qualifying Race #2 grid order will be inverted from the finish of Race #1 (winner starts 16, second place starts 15, etc.). Grid for the championship race is determined by points earned in the 2 qualifiers with lap times as the tie breaker. All 16 drivers will be on track for the entire event, and the top 3 finishers receive trophies.

Our events at F1 Outdoors all take place on the nearly mile long Grand Prix circuit. The format for individual Sprint events is similar to the indoor karting challenge qualifiers described above, and the day's winner receives their trophy on the spot. Just like the Rolex 24 or Lemans, the winner of the Enduro is the team that completes the most laps at the end of the allotted time; and trophies are awarded to each member of the winning team.

Costs & eligibility

One of the best things about karting is that all you need to do is arrive and drive, be 18 years old, and have a valid drivers license. You can certainly bring your own full-face helmet or driving suit if you own them, but if you don't, F1 Boston provides all the necessary equipment. Times vary so check the online calendar for the schedule. Registration is on line and the costs vary slightly per event, but are normally under \$100.

So plan to join the fun this year both indoors and outdoors on the same track that professional kart racers drive. The only difference being that their shifter karts hit speeds in excess of 100 mph on the F1 Outdoors Grand Prix circuit. If you wish to learn more about the F1 Outdoors facility, what they like to call the "gold standard of kart racing venues," go to their website at f1outdoors.com. ♦

– **Event Coordinator, Dennis Friedman**



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Tire Rack Street Survival School:® Educating Young Drivers

Last year, over 5,000 teenagers died in motor vehicle crashes, the leading killer of American youths aged 16 to 19, accounting for more than 40 percent of fatalities in that age bracket. To reduce this number, Tire Rack Street Survival® in cooperation with the BMW CCA Foundation and local BMW CCA Chapters has developed a non-profit, national driver education program aimed at teaching teens the skills they need to stay alive behind the wheel.

The Tire Rack Street Survival® school is a safe teen program designed to go beyond today's required driver's education and give teens across the U.S. the driving tools and hands-on experience to become safer, smarter drivers. The program is taught by trained, qualified classroom and in-car driving instructors. Although much of the work is hands on, in the car, the program also includes a classroom component that provides a lesson in the physics of driving and automotive safety.

Since the primary emphasis of the school is a "hands-on" driving experience in real-world situations, we use your own car to teach you about its handling limits and how not to exceed them. Students will learn to look far enough ahead to anticipate unwise actions of other drivers. As the students master the application of physics to drive their cars, they will also make wiser driving actions themselves. The class helps participants understand why they should always wear their own seat belts, and why they should insist that their passengers wear seat belts, too.

Driving exercises include low speed emergency braking in a straight line and while turning, accident avoidance lane

change, wet skid pad skid control, and a low speed handling course that combines elements of the various exercises in continuous driving on wet and dry asphalt.

You will learn that the class is about more than driving - it's about LIVING! So, it's not surprising that past participants report that they become more observant of traffic situations after completing the program.

Frequently asked questions

How long are Tire Rack Street Survival® events?

This is a one-day class. Most classes start early in the morning and end late in the afternoon.

How much is the course?

\$75 per course, per person.

What are the age requirements for participants?

Licensed or permitted drivers, ages 15 to 21 are allowed in the program.

Will I receive a discount from my auto insurance provider upon completion of a school?

Many auto insurance companies do recognize Tire Rack Street Survival® as an educational program that can count towards premium discounts. Check with your auto insurer to find out more information.

Can students with driver's permits participate?

Permitted drivers will be allowed in the Tire Rack Street Survival® program IF:

All conditions of the permit can be met in a safe manner, i.e. if the permit requires a licensed driver in the car at all times. If a parent is required to be in the car in addition to this, then this student will not be allowed as it would require a passenger in the back seat of the car and that is considered too hazardous for the exercises in the school, and some times it is physically impossible.

The driver must be a minimum of 15 years old (regardless of the minimum age for the state issuing the permit) and have had a permit for a minimum of ½ the time required by the state holding jurisdiction over that permit, (not the state that the school is located in) i.e. if the permit must be held for 6 months before the driver can take their driving test, then the student must have had the permit a minimum of 3 months.

Do students have to drive a BMW?

No, absolutely not. We want students to participate in Tire Rack Street Survival® using the car they normally drive so they will understand the response characteris-



tics of the car they drive daily.

Does the Tire Rack Street Survival® school provide vehicles to use in the event?

No. Students need to arrive in their own vehicle, or the one that they most frequently drive on a daily basis.

Do students wear helmets?

No helmets are required at the schools. All exercises are low-speed events and coaches are in the student's car at all times during these exercises.

Can students share a vehicle?

If siblings are attending an event together, and the car they both drive on a daily basis is the same, most certainly.

What is the registration fee refund policy?

Refunds will be issued for cancellations up to the

Thursday before the event. You must contact the school registrar and/or the BMW CCA Foundation National Office no later than 5 p.m. EST on the Thursday before the scheduled school.

What should we bring & wear?

Dress comfortably, plan on it being either hot or cold or wet and dress accordingly. Remember, the event goes on rain or shine. Shoes must be closed toe, no sandals. We recommend running or tennis shoes for driving. Be prepared for the weather and elements and bring a hat, sunglasses, bug spray, sunscreen, rain gear. Jeans or shorts are fine. Lunch is provided by the school. Water is available throughout the day. Most of all, bring an open mind, with an attitude and willingness to learn. ♦

– Event Coordinator, Luka Serdar

Guidelines for cars in the program

The car you use in the event must be:

- In good mechanical condition and safe in the opinion of the instructor. (There will be a brief safety inspection of the car before it is allowed to participate.)
- Be a legally registered, licensed and insured to participate. We will not accept any race cars or special use vehicles into the school.
- Have plenty of gas in the car for the day's event
- Have no visible leaks of any kind.
- Have tires with visible tread and not worn to or beyond the wear bars.
- Have all four tires at the recommended pressure as listed in the Owners manual for the car. Do NOT over inflate the tires past the recommended pressures. The pressures listed on the side wall of the tire is considered the MAXIMUM pressure, not the recommended pressure.
- Be cleaned of all loose items before participating, including the trunk. Please note: The battery and spare tire must also be secure to participate.
- Free of Nitrous Oxide use. Our instructors must be able to verify that the bottle is turned off during the entire event.

Special instructions for trucks, SUVs, Jeeps & mini vans

SUVs, SAVs, Trucks, Jeep-type vehicles, Minivans and other High Center of Gravity vehicles (HCG's) will need to be verified before being allowed to participate. Older HCG's without electronic stability control (not just the electronic traction control) will not be accepted. These vehicles can prove to be poor choices for first-time drivers, especially small SUVs and trucks. Early models without traction and/or stability control have

statistically proven to be unfortunate choices. These vehicles tend to be light in the rear end and thus have a tendency to "fishtail" during panic stops or when the road is slick. Even with four-wheel drive, pickups and SUVs are less stable, take longer to stop, and are generally more dangerous for a new driver. Most are top heavy and can tip or roll over under severe maneuvers. Less-experienced drivers may be more likely to use abrupt steering motions, that can cause rollovers. Please note that most older SUV and trucks are not rated the way cars are rated. These vehicles are not required to meet the same crash standards as a passenger car.

Our goal is to conduct the safest and most rewarding experience for your teen driver. Approved HCG Vehicles with electronic stability control may still be limited with respect to some of the exercises in which they are allowed to participate based on local venue conditions. If your new driver operates one of these type of vehicles and would like to participate, please look up the vehicles safety score.

You can see their rating test at www.safercar.gov/Safety+Ratings. This review is for HCG vehicles only. Passenger cars do not need to be reviewed. Any vehicle with a listing of 3 stars or more out of 5 in the "Roll Over" test will be allowed to participate in our class. We are concerned about the Roll Over test on the HCG only. We are not concerned about the crash test ratings. Any HCG vehicle listed as "not tested" in the Roll Over test will not be allowed to participate. ♦



Social & technical activities:

Boston Chapter vice president of activities, John Sullivan, coordinates a full calendar of events that includes food, friends, education, information and just plain fun. The following pages will give you an overview of the types of social and technical events the Chapter holds each year, and the caliber of the speakers we recruit. If you have an idea for a future program, drop John or any board member a note. The Chapter is always looking for new ideas.



Quarterly meetings with nationally recognized speakers: One of the highlights of Boston Chapter membership is the opportunity to attend quarterly meetings where nationally recognized speakers make presentations on industry related topics. In coordination with these events, many dealerships offer special discounts to BMW CCA members in attendance.

The speakers change every year, but we do ask back perennial favorites. Some of the speakers that the Boston Chapter has hosted in years past few years include:

BMW Performance Center

Mike Renner, Director of the BMW Performance Center in Spartanburg, SC, presented an overview on the different performance programs they offer, including information about the vehicles used in the program and the driving dynamics covered. (*Check out the BMW CCA member discounts available at the Performance Center on pages 9*).

BMW North American Motor Sport Brand Manager

Larry Koch who is now the BMW NA Motor Sport Brand Manager, has spoken several times and discussed the newest advancements at BMW Motorsport and new enhancements to the BMW M Series, most recently the 1 series M-Coupe. Some of his presentations have included sneak peeks at the newest BMW model introductions including a pre-release hands on look at new models like the X6 M. When he spoke in 2011, he raffled off two Corral Passes for Lime Rock Park in CT.

Steve Dinan Evening at BMW Gallery Norwood

BMW Norwood sponsored a special Dinan evening in 2011 with Steve Dinan as the featured speaker. In his talk he discussed the motors that he was providing for the Chip

Ganassi Racing Team and answered questions about their services.

Turner Motorsport

Members had an up close and personal meeting with Will Turner at Turner Motorsport, where Will himself talked about the current year racing campaign.

The event offered the chance to see the Turner M3s and M6s in person and learn more



about the tuning and services the Turner organization has to offer.

Vintage Sports & Racing

Mario Langsten, proprietor of Vintage Sports and Racing of Bow, NH, brought an award winning CS Coupe and BMW CS race car to our meeting and discussed the restoration of these special vehicles. He also gave an overview of the services and special skills their organization brings to each project.

BMW Diesel Introductions

A BMW North America field engineer gave a program on BMW diesel models. His overview on the new technology was supplemented the the new diesel models on sight with the option to tack test drive. The program also included a lengthy question and answer session and detailed diagrams on the new diesel technology. ♦



Clockwise from the top:

Quarterly meetings are great places to meet other members with similar interests.

BMW North American Motor Sport Brand manager Larry Koch provides the Chapter with updates on M-series technology about every 18 months.

Occasionally we are able to have Quarterly Meetings at renowned motor sport facilities. This picture was taken at a meeting at Turner Motorsports in 2010.

If national speakers weren't enough, there is always great food which makes every meeting a crowd pleaser.



Technical and educational sessions: The Boston Chapter also sponsors small group technical and educational sessions where members can talk one on one with technicians and specialists. It's a great way to get to know other Chapter members and to develop a relationship with a local service provider.

Some of the programs that the Boston Chapter has sponsored over the past few years have included:

Undercarriage technical sessions

These programs are designed to give you a first hand look under your own car, and learn things to look and listen for when driving. No actual work is done on the cars, but trained technicians help you assess the condition and areas that may need work at a future service appointment. Service providers who have conducted these programs include:

- AlphaCars, Boxborough, MA
- Wagner BMW of Shrewsbury, MA
- Import AutoWerks, Braintree, MA
- Schneller BMW Shop, Newbury, MA
- Landshark Automotive, Natick, MA
- Herb Chamber BMW, Sudbury, MA
- BMW Gallery, Norwood, MA
- West Quincy Motors, Quincy, MA
- BMW Gallery, Norwell, MA

Special educational programs

Each year the Boston Chapter reaches out to special organizations and experts to share their knowledge with Club Members. Some of these special events have brought members together for both social and educational enrichment. Some of these special educational events have included :

- An Evening with Steve Dinan, BMW Gallery Norwood
- Paintless Dent Removal, Dent Craft Saugus, MA
- An introduction to iRacing, at HMS Motorsport, Danvers, MA
- A day at Bentley Publishers, Cambridge, MA
- Diesel Demonstrations, BMW Gallery Norwood
- Paintless Dent Removal, Dent Wizard, Danvers, MA
- Introduction to iRacing, MS Motorsport, Danvers, MA
- I-Pod Evening, BMW of Newport, RI

For Women only technical sessions

At least once a year, the Chapter offers an annual Undercarriage technical session "for women only." This event, sponsored by Wagner BMW of Shrewsbury, gives women members a chance to get acquainted while learning more about their car, first hand. ♦



Photos from top to bottom:

Members get a better view of maintenance issues at a technical session at AlphaCars in Boxborough, MA.

Matt Ligor of Dent Craft of Saugus, MA provides hands on dent removal at a 2011 event.

The annual Women's Only tech session at Wagner's BMW of Shrewsbury, MA is always an well attended, informative event.

The technical sessions at Import AutoWerks in Braintree, MA give members a closer look at typical service procedures and where common problems arise .



Concours and Show & Shine Events: Boston Chapter's annual Concours d'Elegance and Show & Shine is traditionally held on a weekend in September (see below for possible change in 2012). The event involves a fun day of friends, cars, and awards and is designed so that even an everyday driver is eligible to win.



Our Chapter's Concours has classes for everyone. So if you think that a Concours is only for those people who trailer their car and never drive it, think again! Even your daily driver or your autocross car is eligible to participate, and all participants are eligible to win awards. The field always includes a great selection of cars, from classics to the latest models, including MINIs too! So there is a classification for everyone.



If you belong to a specialty BMW/MINI club, we encourage you to make Concours a special day for your entire group. In the past we've hosted gatherings of 2002s, and M3s that made the event even more interesting. We also encourage BMW CCA members from other Chapters to drive in for the day to help celebrate all things BMW. The only thing you need to do is register on line, so we know you're coming. A full list of event

Photos counterclockwise from top: Members prep their cars at Concours, held in 2010 at Wagner BMW of Shrewsbury, MA.

A group of 2002s joined the festivities one year at Kimball Farms.

Concours is the best place to see locally owned specialty BMWs like this tiny Isetta.

This year's Rhode Island Show & Shine was a bright spot since the regular Concours was rained out twice.

categories and registration guidelines will be announced in on the Chapter website and in the *Boston Bimmer*, so watch for full details.

In 2011, the Boston Chapter added a Show & Shine event in Rhode Island and welcomed a full field of cars, but rain and an unexpected Fall snow storm kept the annual Concours d'Elegance and Show & Shine from happening in 2011. However, the Concours team is already planning the 2012 event and there is talk that it may be held in the spring or summer so watch for updates on line and in the *Boston Bimmer*.

The Concours coordinators also invite you to help manage this year's event. It's a great way to meet members, to learn how car competitions are judged and to have a lot of fun along the way! Look for an email link on the Chapter website to contact a team member. ♦



Spring & Fall Fun Rallies: At least twice a year Boston Chapter members hit the road for a low key, no heavy lifting tour of the countryside called a Fun Rally. These family friendly events lead members on a fact-finding and site-seeing cross country trip that ends with prizes for the winning teams and lunch at a local watering hole.

Over the past few years Eduardo McIntosh and Marcy Venezia have canvassed New England to develop fun and educational trips for Chapter Members. John Sullivan, the Boston chapter VP of activities, coordinated these events and handled publicity, registration and organized prizes. Together this team has planned events that have taken members on trips through territory rich in historical significance, regional trivia and beautiful scenery. No matter the theme, these events make "a drive in the country" an event to remember, and a chance to meet other Boston Chapter members. Watch the *Boston Bimmer* and the Chapter website for details future Fun Rallies. ♦



Clockwise from top left: A picturesque sea coast scene from the 2012 Fall Fun Rally.

Participants line up with anticipation for the start of the Ducks to Wine Fun Rally.

A beautiful New England lighthouse is just one stop on an exciting rally drive.



Performance Driving Related Travel: Boston Chapter member, Jackie Bechek, has developed a series of events that combine love of travel and performance driving. What started out as a Boston-Chapter-Only event, has now been opened up to include members from across the U.S.

Jackie made her first trip to the BMW Performance Center after buying her first BMW. Once she hit the track, she was hooked and has worked to encourage other members to share in all the BMW Performance Center has to offer. Special events in the past have included a Women's Only Track and Spa Event, and a Mid-South adventure that included performance driving plus a side trip to ride in vintage race cars and visit a world class Concours event. Many of the people who attend these events become close friends and return every year to re-connect. For future performance driving travel opportunities, check the *Boston Bimmer* and the Chapter website for details on these exciting events. ♦



A popular trip includes a tour of the famous Biltmore mansion and grounds.



BMW CCA Oktoberfest: The Hallmark event of BMW CCA is the annual Oktoberfest held annually in the Fall. This all-in-one event includes, concours, autocross, club racing, performance driving, nationally recognized speakers, and tours of local sites. The event is always held at a prominent North American race track, steeped in tradition.

Members who attend regularly, tell us there's something for everyone, whether you love to compete (on & off the track), improve your driving skills or just have a good time. If you're a racer, a tuner, a cruiser — or if you just love BMWs — you won't want to miss Oktoberfest.

The 43rd annual BMW CCA Oktoberfest will be held in Columbus, Ohio, with track events taking place at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Mark your calendar for Sept. 17-23, 2012, and log on to the BMW CCA website for details and registration information. ♦



Scenes from the 2011 BMW CCA Oktoberfest held in Alabama in conjunction with the Barber Motorsports track.

BMW DEALERS

These are the BMW dealers in the Boston Chapter area. Most of these dealers offer a 10% to 20% discount on parts. Just present your BMW CCA membership card to get your discount.

BMW of Cape Cod

25 Falmouth Road
Hyannis MA 02601
(508) 775-4526
www.bmwofcapecod.com

BMW Gallery Norwell

98 Accord Park Drive
Norwell, MA 02061
(781) 982-4556
www.bmwgallerynorwell.com

BMW Gallery Norwood

918 Providence Highway
Norwood, MA 02062
(781) 769-9600
www.bmwgallerynorwood.com

BMW of Peabody

221 Andover Street
Peabody, MA 01960
(978) 538-9900
www.bmwpeabody.com

BMW of Sudbury

128 Boston Post Road
Sudbury, MA 01776
(866) 313-3254
www.herbchambers.com

Herb Chambers BMW

1172 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, MA 02134
(617) 731-1700
www.herbchambers.com

Inskip Auto Center BMW

1515 Baldhill Road
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 821-1510
www.inskip.com

BMW of Newport

1215 West Main Road
Middletown, RI 02840
(401) 846-6636
www.bmwofnewport.com

Wagner BMW of Shrewsbury

752 Boston Turnpike
Shrewsbury, MA 01545
(508) 845-0505
www.wagnerbmwoffshrewsbury.com

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Advertiser	Location	Phone	Product/Service
AlphaCars/URAL	Boxborough, MA	978-263-9000	sales / service
Bavarian Autosport	Portsmouth, NH	800-535-2002	parts supplier
Blue & White Motors Inc.	Attleboro, MA	508-399-6320	service
BMW Peabody	Peabody, MA	978-538-9900	BMW sales / service
Boston Motor Werks	Belmont, MA	617-489-0291	service & repair
Boston Realty Advisors / Rob Cohen	Andover, MA	617-850-9618	real estate
Detailbest.com	South Hadley, MA	413-539-4382	sales, service, parts
Foreign Motorcars, Inc.	Quincy, MA	617-996-2277	sales & service
GPS	Brighton, MA	617-206-4604	sales, service, parts
HMS Motorsport	Danvers, MA	888-467-3269	helmets, safety equip.
Import Auto Werks	Braintree, MA	781-818-3830	service
Kachel Motor Company	S. Lawrence, MA	617-759-8973	sales, service, tuning
Mike's Autobody	Malden, MA	781-324-9831	body work
Rim & Wheel Works	Waltham, MA	781-547-5826	wheel & tire service
RimPro	Tewksbury, MA	888-274-6776	wheel repair
Sansossio Auto Body Inc.	Natick, MA	508-655-9646	body work
Turner Motorsports	Amesbury, MA	978-388-7769	parts & service
West Quincy Motors	Quincy, MA	617-773-3900	foreign auto repair

BMW CCA assumes no liability for the work or merchandise from these independent service shops

Driving event sponsors

Sponsor	Location	Website	Phone
Bavarian Autosport	Portsmouth, NH	www.bavauto.com	800-535-2002
HMS	Danvers, MA	www.hmsmotorsport.com	888-467-3269
Concord Motorsport	Concord, NH	www.concordmotorsport.com	888-477-2697
Turner Motorsport	Amesbury, MA	www.turnermotorsport.com	978-388-7769
Vintage Sports & Racing, LLC	Bow, NH	www.vsr1.com	603-228-2888

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And now a word about our sponsors ... The sponsors of Boston Chapter events and publications make it possible for us to offer some exceptional programs. Many of our sponsors offer their facilities , time, staff and financial support to help defray some of our costs. Of course, they hope you will patronize their businesses, but this is a symbiotic relationship that serves all of us in a positive way and allows our Chapter to offer world class events at down home prices. If you aren't familiar with our sponsors, here are a few of them, the products and services they offer and in some cases, how they began their relationship with our Chapter and BMW CCA.

Kachel Motor Company: offering race prep, tuning, sales & service

Kachel Motor Co. Inc. (KMC) is a boutique automotive service facility specializing in maintaining, modifying, selling and locating European performance cars, especially BMWs. While Kachel Motor Co. Inc. started operations in early 2008, the team's combined experience and expertise is extensive and includes work on a wide variety of projects including: comprehensive restoration work, track preparation for grass roots racing and autocross, and nearly every service needed to keep your BMW in road or track ready condition.

KMC offers a full range of mechanical services for your car, with four lifts, a full machine shop, extensive diagnostic equipment and a state of the art chassis Dyno in the facility. Both their facilities and experienced staff are prepared to give your car the attention it deserves. If you participate in track events, their staff is well versed in racing applications as well, including track inspections, race car set up, modification or upgrades. They also offer track support, Dyno tuning, and enclosed vehicle transport.

KMC also buys, sells, locates and consigns European cars, specialty and collector cars, and about 75% of their inventory is made up of BMWs. Their staff of four has owned, at one time or another, nearly every "M" car you can name from E24s through E92s and can currently count two E39 M5s and an E30 M3 in the combined stable . With a lifetime of automotive passion and over a decade of experience in European cars, KMC offers a level of service, quality, experience and guidance rarely found in this industry.



The Kachel facilities (shown in these photos) are equipped to meet all your service needs and their inventory offers a wide selection of BMWs in stock.

Kachel is conveniently located near the intersection of Route's 93 and 495 at 425 Canal St. , South Lawrence, MA. Call them at (617) 759-8973, email: info@kmcauto.com or visit them on the web at www.kmcauto.com for pictures of their past and current projects, inventory and more information about their team and services. ♦



HMS Motorsport® delivers world class safety and track related gear

If you have been active in Drivers Schools you have probably seen the HMS Motorsport® trackside sales truck at one of the Chapter's events. If you are reading this then you have certainly seen their ads in previous issues of the Bimmer over the last several years. What you may not know is that HMS is the exclusive North American importer for SCHROTH® harnessbelts and that they directly support and service over 36 NASCAR Sprint Cup drivers and 14 IndyCar drivers with custom restraints (check out www.schrothracing.com for a complete list of pro drivers using SCHROTH).

In addition HMS is the exclusive importer for lightest, quietest, most advanced helmets in the world – Stilo® Helmets from Italy. They also service a dealer network of nearly 120 dealers across the country.

Their 2,200 square foot showroom in Danvers, MA is the largest single display of helmets, HANS®, racing seats, suits, gloves, radios, fire systems, BMW track brake pads and rotors, fluids, and general trackside tools and accessories in the Northeast! It is clearly the one place for you to go to “try it before you buy it”. With nearly \$1million in inventory, they have the right size for everyone!

HMS motorsport started in 1995 by Joe Marko. After spending 25 years in the hospitality business Marko decided on a life change to pursue his passion for BMWs and motorsports. With two other associates he decided to give it a go, and HMS Motorsport® was born. The letters HMS stood for what initially were the three principals: The “H” quickly found that a start-up business was not for him; the “M” – Marko; and the “S” just never showed up. Since the logo looked great, and the name was easy to remember he stuck with it.

The business has evolved from its first “shop” of 1,800 square feet in Marblehead to their 8,500 square foot facility today in Danvers, Mas-

sachusetts. Initially the business offered performance, handling, styling, and car care accessories primarily for BMWs. A couple of years later they added the Schroth Street Legal Harnessbelt line and started to carry other products for BMW customers doing drivers schools and autocross.

In 1996 when the first BMW Z3 was produced, Marko fell in love with the car (as did 110,000 other Americans) and HMS became the major supplier of Z3 aftermarket accessories. He put over 15,000 track miles on the HMS Z3 and developed a “factory fitting” roll bar that was a big seller to folks wanting to drive their Z3 on the track.

US SCHROTH exclusive importer

In 2000 Schroth Safety Products decided to close their US Motorsport operation and HMS became the exclusive North American Schroth importer and distributor. During the 2001 Performance Racing Industry trade show, Ryan Newman (NASCAR Stewart-Haas #39) and his then crew chief Matt Borland stopped by the HMS/Schroth booth and listened to our sales talk on the new Schroth Hybrid competition belt. In July 2002 Ryan was the first NASCAR driver to use a Schroth Harnessbelt in a Cup Race (Winston Cup at that time) at New

Hampshire International Speedway. That race turned out to be Ryan's first win – and a great kick-off for Schroth in NASCAR. Now we have six consecutive Sprint Cup champions and 2 consecutive IndyCar champions!

U.S. HANS distributor

2003 was the year that HMS really began to grow the safety side of their business. They became the first official retailer of the HANS® Head and Neck Device and the Northeast Recaro Distributor. NASCAR business really took off due to Marko's close cooperation with NASCAR on the development of their new seat belt standard (now SFI 16.5) and some serious travel to and from Charlotte and various tracks. Marko was involved in a number of the dynamic sled tests at Delphi Automotive testing labs in Ohio in conjunction with Schroth and NASCAR.

In 2008, HMS created a sister company called SRS Tech (operating out of the HMS facility) that is now manufacturing all Latch Link harnessbelts for SCHROTH and sewing custom belts for all of the Pro NASACR and IRL teams.

In 2010, HMS became the US importer for Stilo helmets from Italy. This top of the line helmet was the first to integrate radio electronics, air and water systems into the hel-



Pictured on previous page: The HMS Motorsport® MINI is a standard at most Boston Chapter track events, and often serves as the pace car for BMW CCA Club Racing events.

Above: Joe Marko, owner of HMS, leads a discussion at the annual Boston Chapter Ground School which is held at the HMS showroom in Danvers, MA. Besides providing a great venue, Joe offers a detailed discussion of safety gear for track activities.

Center: This display in the HMS showroom allows customers to make hand-on decisions about racing seats, belts, and harnesses.

Below: HMS offers the most extensive selection of helmets in New England, and most models, like this Stilo, are in stock for you to try before you make a purchase.



met as part of the design. Stilo is quickly becoming a favorite of both amateur and professional racers in NASCAR, IndyCar, NHRA, club, and off road racing.

Improving driver safety

Several times a year HMS presents safety seminars and ground schools for various organizations such as the SCCA, Porsche Club, Vintage Racing Group, Audi Club and of course BMW CCA. They also work closely with Stafford and Lee Speedways and NHMS on a number of safety initiatives. Marko has authored the GCR's for SCCA ProRacing for seat belts, head & neck restraints, and seats with specific recommenda-

tions for installation. HMS also provides installation services on HANS, harnessbelts, and rollbars.

The HMS team

Their entire staff is made up of car-enthusiasts and "track junkies" who share a passion for performance cars and driver safety. Jeff Paulk, Matt Long, and Jay Flower have been with HMS for nearly 10 years each and have been joined in the last few years by Derek Mulson, Mike Long (returning after an absence of 5 years), and Mark Brogan. We now offer complete installation

services of rollbars, harnessbars, seats, and belts.

Directions and hours

HMS is centrally located at 9A Electronic Ave., Danvers, MA just 14 miles north of Boston in the Danvers Industrial Park on the southbound side of Route 1 - ½ mile south of route 62. The shop is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 7 p.m., EST and Saturday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 978-774-1615. Stop by and visit HMS in Danvers, MA or visit them trackside at the next NHMS event. You can also check out their products and services on their website at www.hmsmotorsport.com! *Be sure to ask for the BMW CCA club discount!* ♦

Rim & Wheel Works: More than just rims & wheels

Rim & Wheel Works' relationship with the BMW CCA club began about 16 years ago when John Sullivan (Boston Chapter VP of Activities) came into their old location with wheels to be straightened. He asked if they were interested in offering a tech session for Chapter members. Owner Ina Ames said yes and they've been supporters ever since. A few years later, during a tech session, Ina was asked if she could write up an overview on wheel cosmetics. The article that followed, about wheel cosmetics was the first in a series of popular Q & A discussion topics at their tech sessions. About 10 years later, after updating the article for an issue of the *Boston Bimmer* (because things had changed dramatically since her first article), Ina was asked to be a regular contributor to the magazine, and she continues as a columnist today.

The history of Rim & Wheel Works

Owner Ina Ames co-founded Rim & Wheel Works with her former business partner, Mark Moran. They built the first machine in the basement of Ina's house (The neighbors were thrilled!). Mark developed their proprietary straightening process and continues to improve on their technology. The business opened to the public on November 7, 1992. They've moved several times since, always outgrowing their locations. Originally, all they did was straighten wheels. However, they soon began to stock used wheels to help customers replace the very few wheels they can't repair. After a while, the demand for reconditioned wheels also led them to both stock reconditioned wheels and develop a national network of high quality reconditioning vendors. They are very picky and only use a few of the dozens of vendors to control quality.

They have always been proud of the fact that everything they do saves customers money over a new wheel, as well as the fact that by repairing rims they are recycling and reusing thousands of pounds of aluminum that would otherwise be trashed.

In the spring of 2006 they added Mark's new motorcycle wheel straightening technology to their repertoire. They have also been a Tire Rack installer for many years, and many of their customers come by just to have their highly trained technicians mount tires on their delicate and expensive rims.



Above: The back room at Rim & Wheel Works in Waltham, MA.

A multi-faceted business

Rim & Wheel Works' business has grown since its opening in November of 1992 from a business that only straightened wheels into a multifunctional business. Currently, their services and products include:

- Straightening aluminum, magnesium and steel wheels (including antique steel wheels), racing wheels and motorcycle wheels to factory specifications,
- Welding; reconditioning wheels to restoration quality,
- Selling reconditioned wheels; used wheels, high quality replica wheels and take-off wheels.
- They also sell tires and feature Nokian Tires which they consider some of the best and safest tires on the market with excellent rolling resistance.

New online store

Their new online store (www.rimandwheelworks.com) sells wheels, grills, lights, mustang converters and grills as of this writing. They continue to expand their automotive related products which now include such favorites as:

- Auto Magic Magnificence for no acid, easy to use wheel cleaner.
- Wheel Wax to prevent adherence of brake dust,
- Tire Totes to easily move and store winter and/summer wheels.

Ina tells us that she advertises in the *Boston Bimmer*, because she believes that Boston Chapter members demand the same level of excellence she and her team strive to deliver. "Besides," she says, "Boston BMW CCA members are among the nicest people I know."

Rim & Wheel works is located at 50 Sun Street, Waltham, MA. They can be reached at 781-547-5826 or toll free at 800-261-0495, or via email at rimandwheelworks@earthlink.net. Visit them on the web at www.rimandwheelworks.com. ♦



Turner Motorsport: specialists in BMW service & maintenance

Turner Motorsport has a reputation for fielding a world class race team, but they are also experts in the repair and maintenance of your BMW. Their Amesbury, Massachusetts repair and service facility is equipped to do everything your BMW dealer does, including routine maintenance and standard BMW repair work. And, Turner Motorsport guarantees that they will do as good or better a job than your local BMW Dealer (and usually at a lower price, too).

Factory trained technicians

Their repair facility benefits from having access to one of the largest BMW-only parts sources in the country. Plus, your BMW will be in the hands of a factory-trained expert BMW mechanic and team members who are part of a championship winning race team. Whether you need an oil change, a brake job, a roll cage installed, or a pre-purchase inspection on a car you are thinking about buying, The Turner Motorsport BMW Service and Repair facility is the place to bring your BMW. Call and schedule your appointment today.

Directions

Turner Motorsport Service & Repair is conveniently located off I-95 and I-495, 40 miles north of Boston at 16 South Hunt Road, Amesbury, MA 01913. They can be reached by phone at 978-388-9595 (to schedule an appointment) or at 978-388-7769 (to order parts). To learn more about Turner Motorsport, log on to <http://www.TurnerMotorsport.com>. ♦



From top to bottom on this page: Turner Motorsport is easy to access off I-95 and I-495.

Their facilities are equipped to meet or exceed the standard of your local BMW dealership.

The entire Turner team brings experience, expertise and a winner approach to meeting your service and repair needs.

RIMPRO: Delivering state of the art wheel refinishing

Since 1997, Rimpro has provided Commercial and Retail customers with a state of the art wheel refinishing option. Their technicians are skilled in returning distressed wheels to a like-new appearance as well as specialized custom work.

Secure holding area

They offer a secure area to hold customer vehicles during wheel repairs and full Garage Keeper insurance. They also offer a comprehensive warranty for all materials and workmanship.

Their resources include:

- On-site inventory of 5,000 OE wheels.
- 2-stage PPG paint system,
- Powder Coating,
- CNC Lathe and alloy wheel straightening (Aluminum, Magnesium) using our own patented hydraulic machine to original specs +/- 0.010 inches.
- Precision Aluminum welding capability for crack repairs is available on-site.

They also have professional mounting equipment including a Corgi 50 and high speed precision balancing. Commercial customers receive pick-up/delivery service via our own fleet of vans in Eastern MA.

Contact information

So if you are looking for professional Wheel and rim services, Rimpro is a great fit. Rimpro, Inc. is located at 860 East Street; Tewksbury, MA 01876. They can be reached by phone at 1-888-2-RIMPRO(274-6776) They are conveniently located between Route 93 (exit 42) and Route 495 (exit 38). They are on the Web at www.rimpro.com. ♦



Missing an original equipment (OE) wheel? RIMPRO buys OE wheels and keeps an in-house inventory of over 5,000 OE wheels, pictured here in their inventory.



The history of RIMPRO

The idea of RimPRO was born in 1994 on a road in desperate need of repair. A driver hit a pothole while driving, causing his wheel to bend. Although the wheel was still usable, it caused a vibration throughout his vehicle. The only solution offered to the driver by the dealership was to replace the entire wheel! This was a huge cost. So the driver searched for an alternate, and hopefully cheaper solution, but was unfulfilled. Finally he was forced to replace the wheel with a new one.

After considering ideas on how it might be possible to re-true the wheel, a plan was born. Soon, a machine that could straighten a bent wheel was created and patented.

Incorporated in 1997, RimPRO's success is a combination of both a commitment to excellent service and their proprietary techniques and machines. These machines do not compromise the composition or temper of the wheel during straightening. In its decade-plus of continuous operation, RimPRO's services are now exclusively employed by most New England area European car dealerships including Ferrari of New England, Direct Tire, Sullivan Tire, and National Tire and Battery.

Import AutoWerks delivering professional, personalized service

Import AutoWerks is excited to be in a new expanded location at 46 Garden Park in Braintree, MA. This independent shop specializes in BMWs, and owner and manager, Alvin Lui and his staff of trained technicians specialize in precision work, and personalized service and communications. Alvin worked as a BMW master technician for a local BMW dealer before opening Import AutoWerks. With more than a decade of experience under his belt, he believes in the importance of working one on one with customers to effectively meet their needs. According to Alvin, "There are some things you just can't get at a large dealership. I think my team offers personal attention and communications that keeps it real."

Alvin also believes that being precise is one of the biggest challenges working in the automotive field, and he and his team of factory trained technicians knows what it takes to tackle precision machines. Since opening Import Autowerks over 3 years ago, Alvin's original exacting standards remain the same. Some of their areas of expertise include:

- BMW diagnostics programming and repair
- BMW Performance software tunes
- Denison Audio integration
- Engine and repair and diagnostics
- Suspension repair and Performance upgrades.
- Electronic brake systems
- Run flat tire service
- Wheel repair
- Control module rebuilds
- Glass ... and more

Import AutoWerks also carries an extensive line of BMW parts with a 1 year /12000 mile parts and labor warranty. The Import AutoWerks team includes Team members consist of Anthony, John , Henry, Max , Eric, Gigi and Julie.

Since 2009 Import Autowerks has regularly sponsored Undercarriage Tech Sessions for the Boston



Above: Import AutoWerks' new facility in Braintree has already been the setting for a Boston Chapter tech session in 2011, with more to come in the future.

Left: Alvin's team gives Boston members a closer look at points to they need to be aware of when scheduling maintenance for the car during a tech session.

Chapter of BMW CCA. Alvin feels it gives owners a first hand look at their car. "The session shows BMW car owners what they should know about their car," says Alvin. "We give easy do-it-yourself tips and tricks for people who are mechanically inclined, and maintenance tips for owners who depend on someone else to do the work for them. So any car owner will take home valuable insight on their car with them from these sessions."

Import AutoWerks tech sessions have received rave reviews from members for their personal attention and insight. That same attention to detail is the hallmark of the service his team provides to all their customers. Alvin plans to continue the tech sessions annually, so watch the Ultimate Calendar on line and in the *Boston Bimmer* for dates and times. All members are welcome to attend.

Import Autowerks is now located at 46 Garden Park in Braintree MA 02184. Located across from the Braintree RMV inside the industrial park. For scheduling and questions they can be contacted at 781-818-3830, or by email at info@iautowerks.com. Their website is www.iautowerks.com - or check them out on Google.♦

Boston Motor Werks: Independent BMW specialists in Belmont, MA



Original equipment parts

Boston Motor Werks uses dealer parts for all our repairs, but will offer non-original-equipment parts only when a high quality tried-and-tested industry standard is available that will meet or surpass the "original equipment" standards (Bilstein, H&R, Supersprint, etc).

Conveniently located

Boston Motor Werks is located at 1000 Pleasant St. #7 in Belmont, MA, and offers easy access to BMW owners in Belmont, Watertown, Cambridge and Boston.

However they may be worth the drive if you are

looking for a service provider who knows you and your car on a first name basis.

Boston Motor Werks is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday providing 3 service bays and equal and sometimes better service than your dealer can provide.

Hanna and Alvarez encourage you to stop by with your beautiful Bavarian machine for a great service experience. Give them a call at 617-489-0291. ♦

Boston Motor Werks LLC was formed from the vision and quality standards of Robert Hanna and Audwin Alvarez. When they formed their partnership, Hanna and Alvarez had 12 years of experience working at a local BMW dealership, in addition to previous experience at several other independent shops. Together, they envisioned a shop that specialized strictly in BMW service and repair, that provides dealer-level expertise, without the dealer pricing.

Master-level certified BMW mechanics

Having both achieved master-level status as certified BMW technicians, these gentlemen have worked on everything BMW had to offer from the early 80s all the way up to current 2011 model vehicles. To insure that their experience is fitted to deliver industry standard results, Boston Motor Werks' invested heav-

ily in the BMW special tools and high-level modern automotive machinery needed to provide fast, precise and efficient service and repair. The result has been top notch results for customers, at very competitive rates.

Dedicated to providing exemplary service

The entire experience at Boston Motor Werks is dedicated to providing a friendly, seamless, and trustworthy experience for the customer while providing the highest level of dedication and workmanship to each customer's vehicle.

Because they are a partnership, and they do all the work themselves; Boston Motor Werks keeps its overhead low and is able to pass the savings on to you, the customer.



AlphaCars offers top drawer service and hand-picked used luxury cars

During its 22 years of working with European car owners on vehicle purchasing and service the team at AlphaCars is proud to report that they have seen it all and resolved even the most difficult problems. Whether it's a difficult vehicle problem, an extensive restoration project, or just regular service – they have earned an impeccable reputation as a quality and value oriented car dealer and full service facility.

Specializing in the sale and are of luxury cars

AlphaCars specializes in the sale of low-mileage luxury European cars, mostly BMW and Mercedes, and are a franchise dealer for Legendary Russian URAL motorcycles with 2WD and a sidecar. They continue to exceed the expectations of their customers by their professionalism and attention to detail.

Attention to detail

Once they obtain a vehicle for sale, it goes through their Service department, where it is evaluated for any maintenance or service that may be needed to conform to manufacturer's standards. Next, it is meticulously reconditioned – inside and out. All their work is done using sophisticated equipment, OEM parts and materials. All the work completed at AlphaCars is done by their qualified, experienced staff to assure that each AlphaCars vehicle is of the highest quality.

Knowledge and service critical

Their facilities, tools, equipment, and technologies are constantly upgraded in order to stay in step with the rapidly changing automotive industry. However, they feel the key to their success lies in prompt, courteous service coupled with an unsurpassed



Pictured above, the AlphaCars headquarters on Route 111 in Boxborough, MA.



Pictured at left is a legendary Russian URAL motorcycle with 2 wheel drive and infamous sidecar. AlphaCars is among a handful of U.S. dealers for these unique motorcycles.

knowledge of foreign cars. As a small company, they can provide personalized service and special attention to every customer and to each job. They also strive to offer only the best cars – ones you will be proud to own and excited to drive.

Expect to be impressed

According to a company spokes person, "When we say, 'Expect to be impressed,' this is not an advertising gimmick – we mean it, and we work hard to deliver on that promise everyday. Our facilities, personnel, and service are first-rate, and our entire inventory is hand-picked."

To learn more about AlphaCars unique service and used car offerings, visit them online at www.AlphaCars.com and www.UralNE.com, or call them at 978.263.9000. AlphaCars is conveniently located off Route 2 or U.S. 495 at 649 Massachusetts Ave. (Route 111) Boxborough, MA 01719. ♦



Bavarian Autosport: delivering value and expertise on line

Bavarian Autosport was founded by Mark Ruddy, Dave Wason and Peter Robart, who figured out they could drive Porsches out to California, sell them at a profit, buy “rust-free California cars” with the proceeds, drive them back and sell them at a profit in New Hampshire. When Mark’s dad, asked them to find him a BMW Bavaria, the boys didn’t know what it was, but when they found one and drove it out to him in California, it was love at first drive! Eventually, the friends opened a BMW repair facility, Bavarian Auto Service, on the traffic circle in Stratham, NH. As their reputation grew, they got phone calls from BMW owners looking for replacement parts. They decided to advertise their inventory in the *Roundel*, and mail the parts to customers.

Fast forward to the present: Bavarian Autosport, now based in Portsmouth, NH, is the leading BMW and MINI catalog and internet retailer in the world. Each year the company sends out more than 2.5 million free catalogs and newsletters to BMW and MINI enthusiasts across the U.S., Canada and the Caribbean. Their full-color, 132-page catalog and their tech newsletter, *Fast Times*, have received multiple industry awards.

The company’s web site www.BavAuto.com was one of the very first BMW enthusiast sites on the internet, launching in 1996. In 2001, it became an online store selling parts and accessories. Today it offers almost every BMW part since 1967 (MINI since 2002). Also, their tech blog (blog.BavAuto.com), has a searchable knowledge base of nearly 1,000 BMW and MINI technical Q&As and videos. On top of all this: their three-story warehouse in Portsmouth is stocked to the rafters with more than 400,000 individual BMW and MINI parts, allowing them to ship nearly 90% of their orders “complete” (i.e. without any back orders). Connected to the warehouse is the company’s retail store, which is just an hour north of Boston and well worth a visit.



If you don’t have time to make the drive, you can call and speak to one of 18 enthusiasts who man the company’s telephones. Between them, these folks have more than 287 years experience working on BMWs and MINIs, and helping other enthusiasts get the parts they need to work on theirs. Other reasons to shop from Bavarian Autosport:

- Their “Best price guarantee!”
- No sales tax (they’re in tax-free NH).
- Warranties ranging from 12 months to Lifetime
- Same day shipping on order placed before 1 PM.
- Free shipping on most orders over \$150.
- Free tech advice and D.I.Y. videos help save you hundreds of dollars.

Every year, on the first Sunday in October, the company hosts Show & Shine. This charity event is a customer appreciation day where hundreds of enthusiasts bring their BMWs and MINIs to: watch D.I.Y. demos, talk with industry representatives, eat hamburgers and knackwurst, drink beer, win free raffle prizes and just have a good time. The entire event is free, with an optional charity raffle. As for Mark, Dave and Peter (whom you can see flipping the burgers at Show & Shine) they’re still friends, still own the company, and are still having fun running Bavarian Autosport.

Bavarian Autosport is at 275 Constitution Ave., Portsmouth, NH 03801, and they can be reached at 800-535-2002 or 603-427-2002, or via email at info@BavAuto.com. They are on the web at www.BavAuto.com and blog.BavAuto.com. ♦

Mike's Autobody: Specializing in BMW repair

Mike's Autobody of Malden, MA are specialists in the repair of BMW, Porsche, and Mercedes Benz, but they are willing to take on all makes and models of cars and trucks. They take the same great care with every job they do, even if you don't drive a high-end, German, performance vehicle.

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- They offer frame straightening in house.
- They use Spies Hecker paints for superior results.
- And, they have a ultra-clean, modern spray booth with a bake cycle.

In addition, if you are looking for convenience, Enterprise car rental is located just around the corner, and McGarvey Towing (781-231-1060) is on call day or night for an accident pickup and delivery to Mike's Autobody.

Directions and hours

Mike's Autobody is at 251 Broadway (Route 99) in Malden, MA. Their are just three miles north of Boston. Stop by for an estimate of a small job, or

call us for an appointment or an estimate at 781-324-9831 (Fax 781-324-1804). Our regular office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or Saturdays by appointment. For more information about Mike's Autobody, log onto their website at www.mikesautobodyofmalden.com. ♦



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