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Kevin Ladd in his beautiful 3.0 CSL, competing in the 2007 *Climb to the Clouds* Hill Climb Competition up Mount Washington.

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Tempus Fugit II

or... - *time continues to flee*

by: Bruce Smith, WMC President

Why is it the day after you rake all of the leaves out of your yard, the next day the winds blow in a fresh batch? As I'm writing this, the frost has been on the pumpkin several times already, and I have been forced to reacquaint myself with the ice scraper. I'm really not looking forward to taking the snow blower out on our wintery walks.

What a fall it has been. For a small chapter we have had a lot going on. In September, we were well represented at the joint VSCCA and WMC *Climb to the Clouds* Hill Climb Competition at Mt. Washington. We had several local entries from our chapter that made a very respectable showing against some cagey old vintage veterans. Ed Valpey promises that the event will back next year and we will be ready to compete with the best the VSCCA has to offer.

October brought the fall *Show & Shine* at Bavauto. Many New England members participated by piloting their cars to Portsmouth in the light rain. I'm told there were over 300 BMWs at the event!

October also saw our Fall Classic driving school and Club Race at NHIS. It was a fantastic event despite the rain on Saturday. The Club races were very clean and never went under a yellow flag. We also had a very talented instructor pool that sent the students home tired, happy and looking forward to their next track day. It doesn't get better than that.

I want to extend a special thanks to the folks on the Social Events committee for putting on an excellent reception on Saturday evening after the track closed. Everyone I spoke with was very appreciative and enjoyed the food, beverage and stories of the day's heroics on the track. These guys do a great job.

I went to O'Fest in Dallas for the first time. What a great couple of days. It was like being totally surrounded by all things BMW and everyone shared the same passion for the marque, cars and driving. I met a lot of great folks that love to have a good time. At the banquet, there were many attendees there that have been to over 20 O'Fest events. I now understand why so many folks keep going back. If you have the opportunity to attend an O'Fest, I highly recommend it. Next year it will be at Watkins Glen. Make your reservations early.

Chapter Elections!!!!

The polls have been open since the beginning of November. I hope all of you have voted for your chapter officers. The polls will close at our December 3rd meeting. If you can't vote online, please vote in person at the December board meeting. Time and location are posted on the website. Come on out and help us run your chapter.

Looking forward to the New Year? We have a holiday party planned for January 26th. We will once again be at C.R. Sparks in Bedford. I'm told the entertainment will be custom tailored to us. We will have raffles, contests, good food and great conversation. You don't want to miss this party. You can register online. I hope to see you all there.

On behalf of the rest of your chapter officers, we want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season, and all the best in the New Year.

mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Bruce

upcoming events

Always a Hit!

The Annual WMC Holiday Party

by: Michael Morin, SEC Member

Our spectacular Holiday Party is always a hit! If you can only attend one White Mountain Chapter event a year, then this is the one you cannot afford to miss! With the rave reviews from last year, we decided to hold the party at *C.R. Sparks* again.

Thanks to the creative booking skills of the Social Event committee, we will have another awesome Holiday party for you to enjoy, and this \$100 event is being offered for only \$25 per person! Attire is "dressy casual."

We will have a delicious five course dinner that is sure to please everyone. A cash bar will be available for your beverage needs. A menu will be posted at a later date; however, for those of you detail-oriented people, here are the stats for your calendars:

- Saturday January 26th, 2008 - 6:00pm
- Will be held at the Event Center at C.R. Sparks in Bedford, NH.
- Cost: \$25 per person. Registration via the chapter website is open!

Just to give you an idea of the fun and great times we had last year, here is a sampling of the things that happened last

year. Besides the wonderful comic entertainment of Jim Lauletta and Mike Dorval, we had a People's Choice photo contest. Awards were given for Best Driving, School Photo, Best Classic BMW Photo and Best Social Event Gathering Photo. There was also a BMW Art Car raffle and a 50/50 raffle to benefit Kelly's Cause*.

This year there will be a 50/50 raffle to benefit *The Webster House* in Manchester. For those of you who do not know what this organization is all about, The Webster House "has been providing a safe haven for children unable to live at home." The Webster House has a wish list on their website (www.websterhouse.org) if you would rather donate a specific item to their organization.

The highlight of the night will most certainly be the live entertainment. Since the previous two years were a raging

success, we are presenting to you this year *StageCoach Improv*. From the likes of the American Bar Association, 93.7 Mike FM, Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Harvard Business School this organization comes to you in the name of unpredictability.

This showcase party has been growing each year, thanks to the hard work of our Social Events Committee. Last year we sold out. Actually, we overbooked the seats in the room we reserved. Don't wait for a Christmas gift invitation for these tickets! Register NOW at the WMC Chapter website! And while you're there, check out pictures from past events in the Gallery section!

**] see the chapter website to learn more about Kelly's Cause*

recent events

"What a Kick!"

2007 Mt. Washington Climb to The Clouds

text and photos by: Ed Valpey, WMC BMW CCA, VSCCA

A comment made by Erik Wensberg at the end of one of his runs, "What a kick!" pretty well sums up the feelings of those who participated in the '07 *Climb to the Clouds*. We'd hoped for, and expected based on survey results, a full field of 20 cars. A couple of weeks before the event, however, we had



the author, Ed Valpey (R) and his father Bob

only 4 entries.

Tom Ellsworth, event chair for our host, the Vintage Sports Car Club of America (VSCCA), was contacted to see whether they were experiencing a similar disappointment in entries - and to find out whether it would be possible to cancel the event. While down from the previous year, VSCCA entries were strong enough to go forward. Regardless, Howie

Wemyss, Mt. Washington Auto Road General Manager, and Tom graciously gave us the option to back out. It was not stated directly, but it was suggested that if we backed out it would mean not only the end of the WMC's participation in the event, but also the end of the event itself.

Since we had made the commitment and were already liable for about \$1,500 in expenses, and since it would be a shame to see this event die, the decision was made to go forward. The aggressive promotion and follow-up that yours truly, as event chair, failed to conduct in the months preceding the event were instead conducted in a panic by several chapter stalwarts, chief among them Erik Wensberg and Mike Cooney. By the time the event rolled around, our entries had reached 12.

In another gracious gesture, the VSCCA, who had nearly a full field, offered to split the financial loss with us. In the end, the event cost the WMC about \$1,700. While this loss was a bit painful, those involved agreed that having this event on our calendar was worth the investment. On behalf of the WMC, I'd like to thank Tom Ellsworth, the VSCCA, Erik Wensberg, Mike Cooney and the other chapter stalwarts for their damage control. I would also like to thank all of the '07 participants, particularly those who allowed their arms to be twisted. As for the financial loss... my apologies to the chapter.

And while my shame is sincere, I have to say that few of us can recall having had more fun spending other people's money. For their subsidy (about \$2.85 each), we would like to thank the WMC membership. Should you choose to recoup your one-time (we expect) \$2.85 subsidy by joining us at next year's event, tentatively set for September 13 & 14, 2008, the following will give you some idea of what to expect.

Friday

The afternoon before the event the lower fields of the Auto Road were opened to participants, quite a few of whom camped there for the weekend. Being in the shadow of Mt.

Washington is always a bit awe-inspiring... unloading your car there among vintage Bugattis, Porsches and other unique and interesting race cars was downright surreal. The Allard that I had run in the past, announced its decision to sit out the event by leaking all of its brake fluid into the absorbent mat that lives beneath it. So, I did what any proper gearhead would do... I asked my wife if I could borrow her car, a '93 525 still riding on last winter's snow tires.

At first there was that look we men all know, followed by a shrug and finally something to the effect that if I crashed it I'd better not ever come home again. I don't know whether Mario Langsten simply rolled his eyes or perhaps made that expression one makes when somebody has broken wind in an elevator, but when he heard what I was planning to drive up the mountain he called and offered his M3. This was particularly magnanimous considering that the part that broke on the Allard was one I told him not to bother to replace when he did a mechanical restoration on the car a few years ago. I pretended to gratefully decline, saying that my wife's car didn't really have all *that much* rust and that I'd be fine, but from the moment he made the offer I was grinning. I'd better get the Allard fixed for next year, however, because my wife is now driving a fairly new 325xi purchased from Concord Motorsport, and there's about a guppy's chance on Everest that she'll let me drive it up Mt. Washington. Mario is planning to drive his car himself next year, and who can blame him.



Nick Cooney taking the green flag in the infamous Concord Motorsport 2002

I handled tech inspection Friday afternoon. Or, I should say, I started handling tech inspection until Dick Cadieux just couldn't stand it anymore. I guess he figured that talking about running the Auto Road while kicking tires and admiring paint jobs didn't meet his standards for a proper tech inspection. We popped hoods, yanked on wheels, checked hoses, etc., then made a few runs up the mountain.

The Auto Road is open on Friday afternoon to all participants, who are allowed to make as many runs as they'd like at the posted speed limit. Depending on how you count them, there are between 60 and 100 turns to the halfway point,

which is our finish line. Having run the event before, I knew it was pointless to try to memorize the entire course, but it's good to be refreshed on the level of sheer futility the mountain presents to those who think they can. And, of course, it's great fun to drive the Auto Road and take in the view at the summit, whether you get there in 8 minutes or 30.

Later in the evening we joined the VSCCA contingent for cocktails and dinner at the Auto Road Lodge. On the lodge's large front deck, drivers of all ages and shapes kicked back in Adirondack chairs, sipped beer or wine and watched the light change as the summit passed in and out of the clouds. There was an air of "This is what it's all about" to the evening, and the dinner was terrific.

Saturday

The Mt. Washington Auto Road, which is a privately owned company, has to make ends meet. Renting the road for an entire day would be cost prohibitive for an event like ours, so they've made the road available to us until noon, when they open it to regular paying customers. There are no lazy mornings at the Climb to The Clouds. We arrived at 6:30am, and after breakfast at the lodge I began registering entrants and kicking more tires. It was decided that the BMW contingent would run first, so by 8:00am a string of mostly BMWs was assembled and ready to run.

The rain had begun to fall again, but sitting in heated cars with windows and wipers gave us a surge of hubris while we looked at a field of open race cars covered with tarps. Maybe we weren't driving "proper" race cars, but then neither were they.

The only way to fully appreciate what it's like to drive the Mt. Washington Auto Road at speed is to actually do it. The next best way is to watch an in-car video. We have one currently on the White Mountain Chapter's web site. (www.wmc-bmwcca.org - Under the "News" link on the left side of the home page, scroll down to find this event, and a link to the video clip.) Even for those who have attended the event in the past, however, the first run is a little intimidating. It's not so much because of the speed - we are, after all, going at a relatively modest pace, chanting as we go the mantra "early on the brakes, late on the throttle." Still, there is a thrilling sense of vulnerability in being sent unleashed up a piece of asphalt that winds through the trees like a hiking trail and disappears into the clouds. It really shouldn't be in any way ominous, but you're all by yourself on an impossibly fun road with no speed limits, no police and no cars coming the other way. It's like being locked in a fudge factory for the night... you just don't know whether you should be there all by yourself. Just as this realization sets in you go whizzing past some person dressed in white standing *right next to the road*.

We in the BMW contingent were a little put off that we had to walk through the rain to get to our cars that morning. The VSCCA contingent sat sulking in their motorhomes and hotel rooms because you could float rubber ducks in the cockpits of their cars. The SCCA corner workers, on the other

hand, actually volunteer to brave the weather, whatever it may be, all morning. On this morning the weather was pretty dismal, yet there they were at the ready should something happen. It's a long-standing tradition in road racing to wave at the corner workers during the cool down lap. On Mt. Washington, each driver should stop at each station, get out of his car, and go give each corner worker a great big hug and a kiss.



Dick Cadieux crossing the finish line in his "Big Red Tomato"

Once you realize that you're not really that alone, the initial shudder of the Climb to Clouds experience passes and it dawns on you that you're just having the greatest time. You're not driving so much as sparring with a road that feints, weaves and dodges while throwing elevation changes, camber changes and blind apexes into the mix. Suddenly there's a relatively straight stretch. You matt the throttle, shift to third gear and debate the wisdom of taking your eyes off the road to glance at the speedometer. The trees close in, the road narrows and a touch of anxiety comes with the knowledge that a corner is coming up very quickly. The thing is, you don't know whether it goes left or right and you have no idea how sharp it is or whether it drops off at the apex. You see the corner, repeat your mantra and shut it down, standing the car on its nose. As you enter the corner you realize that you could have hit the brakes 200 feet later and slowed 10 mph less. On a road course you would berate yourself, but here you smile in appreciation of a road that will remain, no matter how many times you do the event, an ever-worthy opponent.

Saturday's runs were for familiarization only. Times were taken to establish a running order, but they were not given out. In any case, they would have meant little given the conditions. Once everybody arrived at the halfway parking lot after the first run, the cars filed out and paraded quickly back to the base. The return ride is almost as much fun as the ride up. For one, you're able to appreciate the scenery and the views. Further, being in a train of fast moving cars emphasizes the erratic nature of the road. Both through your windshield and in your mirrors you see cars darting all over the place... back and forth and up and down. Rather like a WWI dogfight at the movies.

After the second run the participants scattered. Some headed home for the night, others holed up in their motorhomes, some attended to administrative duties, some began taking runs up the mountain in a vain effort to memorize the course, and Erik Wensberg, Mike and Nick Cooney and Dick Cadieux headed for a late lunch and a pint in North Conway, where I joined them a little later. As we cracked open the pub door on our way out, scattering clouds and blue skies made our smiles widen. We spent the late afternoon and evening watching racing on TV, lowering the best lap times of our past and generally having a really nice time.

Sunday

We were able to sleep in a little on Sunday, arriving at the mountain at 7:00am for breakfast at the lodge. The sky was clear and the sun bright. I fiddled with my video camera and made arrangements to be the first one up the hill so I could trek back down to the finish line to get pictures. Having my hands full with administrative concerns, I had skipped Saturday's runs altogether. So I ran a fun but conservative pace and as I entered the last corner, a late apex climbing turn, I began to congratulate myself on a nice clean run. Just then I realized that the apex wasn't as late as I remembered and my intended turn-in point would be about 2 feet off into the tundra. Doh! I lifted, tossed the car sideways, then hit the throttle to plant the back end again. And here I'd been telling everybody not to try to memorize the turns. Dumb s**t. Once in the halfway parking lot, I unbuckled, grabbed my camera and headed into the krumholtz like Mel Gibson in Braveheart.



some of the BMW contingent at the summit

For the second run, which I managed to complete without personal embarrassment, I lined up at the end of the BMW drivers. It was the first time all weekend I'd been at the halfway parking lot with the other competitors, and it was then I realized for the first time that having the WMC join the Climb to The Clouds event was in fact a good idea. The grins were ear-to-ear and our registration woes were all but forgotten. Many in the parking lot that morning are among those responsible for running Driver's Schools, and for many of us it's often as much, if not more, work than it is fun. Most of us are glad to be there when attending a Driver's School, but rarely do we have much real fun. One of the greatest rewards for helping this event to happen, was seeing in the

faces of those compatriots that they were once again at a driving event and they were having *fun*. Lots of it.

Complete results from the event are posted on the WMC web site. Mike Cooney led the way for the BMW contingent, finishing 6th overall. In fact, we took positions 6 through 11, with the others scattered back in the field. The time differentials of the top six finishers ranged from 6.37 to 7.10 seconds, a pretty tight pack. Given all the drama that transpired prior to the event, and given the VSCCA's fiscal generosity, we decided to take it easy on them this year. All of the '07 participants plan to make it in '08, and several others are already planning to come. We'll get our 20 entries next year, and so we will be in no way beholden to the VSCCA (other than as generous hosts). I think I need to get a "team" cup made up to give to the VSCCA for this year's event... just so we have something to take back again next year. It's very rewarding to be a part of the Climb to The Clouds legacy, now more than a hundred years old. This year I was joined at the finish by my father, driving a vintage car. Perhaps in a few years my sons will join us in that same parking lot as part of the BMW contingent, maybe helping to add another victory plaque to that cup.



Hot Laps Go Karting

at Sugar Hill Speedway

by: Michael Morin, SEC Member

On a hot day, on the asphalt is the best place to be when you're a Chapter member. Whether it's New Hampshire International Speedway or State Route 101 West through the Monadnock region, we've got all sorts of events brewing in our Pilotis. This past July, we hosted a day at Hot Laps Karting Center at Sugar Hill Speedway in Weare, NH. In short, it was a resounding success and you can be sure that it will happen again, next summer!



hot fun on hot asphalt at Hot Laps Go Karting

It seems this was the first karting event since the karting events at the F1 in Boston. Thanks to recent event registration at motorsportreg.com and help from various Social Events committee members, we were pretty much able to get a maximum headcount for the amount of time we were allotted. According to online surveys, (yes we do listen) a little tweaking is needed, but it is definitely you who should be planning on attending next year! There is no admission fee, so if you don't want to participate yourself, you still can attend and watch your children or friends race around.

If you have any suggestions or ideas about this event or other social events please do not hesitate to contact the social events committee chairperson, Cassandra, via the WMC website. Paul Michali and Melanie Brown have uploaded a ton of pictures to the website from this event for your viewing pleasure. Thank you to Dana and Bob from Hot Laps for a great day on the asphalt and see you next year!

driving events committee update

text by: Gordon F. Geick, DMD, DEC Chairman and Instructor Development Program Chief

photo by: Paul Michali, WMC webmaster

2007 Retrospective

Our driving events for 2007 had a “come back” year of success on multiple levels. Last year we were faced with flat enrollments and a more worrisome lack of new participants for our track events. It is likely some of this can be attributed to BMW’s direction as a luxury performance brand with more emphasis on luxury than in the past. A slightly different strategy was in order to continue our tradition of extremely high quality driver education events. This began last winter with development of our mission statement.

“The DEC’s mission is to provide our members with the opportunity to meet and enjoy other like-minded enthusiasts - and their favorite marques - and to improve the participant’s enjoyment of, and education in, their ultimate driving machines.”

We actively broadened our horizons and created relationships with drivers of other makes and other clubs. Officers of the North Atlantic Audi Club and the Z Club of New England attended some DEC meetings and their members and instructors participated in our events. Participants and instructors were graciously welcomed from the Porsche Clubs, COM and the SCCA. In fact, all drivers that appreciate the quality, education, organization, social interaction and fun of our events were welcomed. Our club has always had this policy, but this year there was more of a push to get the word out.

Our events included a Mini Only Advanced Driving Skills School (ADSS) with 30 Minis attending in July and Climb to

the Clouds hill climb up Mt. Washington in September. Street Survival ADSS for teens was again run in May. This particular event actually prevented an accident involving one of our member’s daughters who was a Street Survival ADSS student a mere two weeks earlier! Our two ADSS schools were a great success with performance driving enthusiasts as well as with a larger number of “everyday street drivers” wishing to improve their safety skills and enjoy their car on a controlled skid pad, safely in the confines of the school grounds, a large parking lot at New Hampshire International Speedway (NHIS).

The season was capped off with our sold out End of Summer performance driving school in October. A wide variety of marques was present which included not only BMW & Mini, but Ferrari, Lamborghini, Lotus, Nissan, Honda, Ford, Mazda, Subaru and others. Many more Minis and newer model BMWs appeared than in the past and convertibles also took to the track! Drivers came from extended distances. First time students to track driving, increased dramatically in this school, as well as our August Summer Heat School.

Look for our momentum and events to continue next year. Sincere thanks to our chapter sponsors, officers, volunteers and participants which make these events possible. Please spread the word of our events to family and friends. If you wish to get more involved, keep an eye on the chapter website’s Calendar of Events and I’ll see you at an upcoming DEC meeting.



At the *Mini Only ADSS*: Learning the finer points of threshold braking in a turn

chapter membership

As This Year Comes to an End

by: Laura Fallis, Membership Chair

As this year comes to an end the White Mountain Chapter has a lot to be proud of. The Board of Directors did a wonderful job in their duties and really have pointed the Chapter in a positive direction. The DEC and the SEC joined forces in sharing events which were a big success. Our sponsors and advertisers helped make all of this possible and our members, who make up our chapter, kept us going. So let's give a huge THANK YOU along with a round of applause to all of them.

Our Board of Directors, which includes Bruce Smith, President; Dick Cadieux, VP; Alan Legerlotz, Secretary; and Mike Dion, Treasurer; have put in countless hours, heart and soul into their efforts and filled, in many cases, multiple roles throughout the year. Any of us who have had the opportunity to work with them understand the true value they bring to the White Mountain Chapter.



Dana Sion and Michael Morin at Show & Shine 2007

This year the DEC and SEC shared involvement at recent events. At the annual Bavarian Autosport *Show & Shine* car show, Dana Sion and Michael Morin set up a White Mountain Chapter display booth. Alongside them was George Bixby, who was showing some of his on-track video footage from past WMC driving schools. It was a well-rounded display of what the WMC is, who its members are, and what we do. Great job guys! The End of Summer Driving School at NHIS was a grand event. On Saturday of the event weekend, at lunch-time, spectators and kids were given the opportunity of "ride-alongs" on the track. Both club racers and driving school

instructors participated in giving rides. WOW, was that a hit! Later that day Dana and Michael again, set up buffet dinner in the "tech shed" for all who were at the event. Many thanks after the event flooded in, especially in regards to this dinner. Many thanks to all the DEC and SEC volunteers!



Bav Auto's "Otto", a.k.a. Gordon Arnold (center, back), overseeing one of the many demos at *Show & Shine 2007*

As for our Sponsors, I can't thank them enough either. They regularly provide support to us throughout the year both with their direct involvement and financially. This year we give a big THANKS to Dan Maynard at 3D Auto Works; Dave, Mark and Pete at Bavarian Autosport, all at IRA BMW of Stratham, Mike Cooney at Concord Motorsport, Mario Langsten at Vintage Sports and Racing and a SPECIAL THANKS to Jim Vail at AVCOMM Toys who sponsored my slot at the End of Summer Drivers School. Look for these sponsors throughout *the Profile* and let them and our other advertisers know that you saw them here. They are all special to us, and appreciate your patronage.

All of the work that goes into the events that are put on throughout the year, are for you, our members. I hope many of you had an opportunity to experience some of them first hand. It proved to be a great experience for me, seeing many members throughout the year having a wonderful time at our events. Glad I had to opportunity to meet many of you personally. As this year comes to an end, I wish you all "Happy Holidays" and I hope to see you at our ever popular Holiday Party in January!

Welcome to our New White Mountain Chapter Members

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Hampstead, NH

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social events committee update

by: Cassandra Vorisek-Creto, SEC Chair

WMC Holiday Party 2008

The SEC is so excited about the upcoming Holiday Party (January 26, 2008) at CR Sparks (Bedford, NH)! There will be the now-infamous Photo Contest, live entertainment (this year there will be a great improv group!), great food, wonderful friends – new and old – as well as great raffle prizes and a “super secret” fun event. You will have to attend to know what it will be! For more details about the party and how to be a part of it, visit the website (www.whitemtn-bmwclub.org).

As with any event, sponsors help the chapter provide excellent programs and events. Last year, the Holiday Party had a waiting list and we exceeded the capacity of the room! This year, we expect an even better turnout. The exposure for any company or business (large or small, BMW related or otherwise) is outstanding. There are various opportunities to fit every budget. Join us in making this Holiday Party special, fun and one of the best club events of the season! For more details and/or to become a Holiday Party Sponsor, contact Dana Sion (d.sion@whitemtn-bmwclub.org) or Cassandra Vorisek-Creto (c.creto@whitemtn-bmwclub.org).

Holiday Party Sponsorship Categories

7 Series Sponsor – The Ultimate Marque Sponsor Package (\$2,500) – Limit 1 Sponsor

- 8 attendees to Holiday Party
- Banner at event and company rep to greet members
- Mention and Logo (with live link where applicable) on promotional materials including blast emails, website and *the Profile* (February/March or April/May 2008 issue)
- Free Ad in the next issue of *the Profile* (February/March or April/May 2008 issue)
- Recognition during the event

5 Series Sponsor – The Premium Sponsor Package (\$1,500) – Limit 3 Sponsors

- 6 Attendees to Holiday Party
- Banner at event
- Mention and Logo (with live link where applicable) on promotional materials including blast emails, website and *the Profile* (February/March or April/May 2008 issue)
- Recognition during the event

3 Series Sponsor – The Sporty Sponsor Package (\$500) – Unlimited Sponsors

- 2 Attendees to Holiday Party
- Mention and Logo (with live link where applicable) on promotional materials including blast emails, website and *the Profile* (February/March or April/May 2008 issue)
- Recognition during the event

Holiday Party A-la-Carte Sponsorships

Drink Ticket Sponsor (\$800) – Limit 2 Sponsors

- One free drink (domestic beer or house wine) per person
- Mention and Logo on promotional materials including blast emails, website and *the Profile* (February/March or April/May 2008 issue)
- Recognition at the bar during the event

Entertainment Sponsor (\$1,500) – Limit 2 Sponsors

- Mention and Logo on promotional materials including blast emails, website and *the Profile* (February/March or April/May 2008 issue)
- Recognition at the entertainment area during the event

Photo Contest Sponsor (\$150) – Limit 2 Sponsors

- Mention on promotional materials including blast emails, website and *the Profile* (February/March or April/May 2008 issue)
- Recognition at the Photo Contest area during the event

White Mountain Chapter, BMW CCA
2008 Holiday Party
Sponsor Registration

Sponsor Registration Deadline: January 15, 2008*

**Early sponsor registration recommended for proper promotion*

All sponsorships must be paid in full prior to the day of the event. No refunds. The Holiday Party is held snow, rain or shine.

Sponsorship category: _____

Name as to appear in all publicity: _____

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Telephone: () _____

Email: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Authorized Signature

Date

Payment: Please make all checks payable to White Mountain Chapter BMW CCA**.

***All checks need to be mailed. Fax the sponsorship form for early registration.*

Mail or fax completed Sponsor Registration Form to:

Cassandra Vorisek-Creto, SEC Chair
115 Wheeler Rd.
Hollis, NH 03049

fax: 603.465.2452

telephone: (w) 603.465.2454

news briefs...

from the BMW club and beyond

...general news

White Mountain Chapter Logo

Facelift is Official!

9/26/2007

After many months of ongoing development and discussions, the WMC Board of Directors has approved the new chapter logo! It's already in use in this issue of *the Profile* and on the chapter web site. Soon you'll be seeing it on event banners and wearables, and on all the items available at the chapter store – just in time for Christmas gift shopping!



the new White Mountain Chapter logo

AAA Survey

Top-Five Car Troubles Cited

10/03/2007

Tire pressure was the number one vehicle issue identified during the most recent nationwide clinics conducted by the American Automobile Association (AAA) and its affiliated repair facilities. Results are based on inspections conducted on 6,082 vehicles by 25 different AAA clubs.

As a leading automotive solutions source, NAPA has partnered with AAA to offer answers to some of the most common vehicle challenges.

“Drivers should check tire pressure at least once a month to ensure tires are not under or over-inflated,” said Kit Johnson, the 2007 NAPA Technician of the Year from East Helena, Mont. “Low pressure in the tires can increase wear and fuel consumption, while having too much pressure may reduce traction. Keeping tires properly aligned will also help assure longer tire life and improve fuel economy.”

During the AAA events, inspectors discovered these top five vehicle troubles:

- Low tire pressure, as mentioned, was the number one issue.
- A clogged air filter was the second most common issue. Johnson says that maintaining and replacing air filters as often as recommended in the owner's manual will ensure better air flow through the engine. This, in turn, will improve engine efficiency and result in more power and better fuel mileage.
- Insufficient tire tread depth was the third most common problem. For sufficient traction, tires should have a minimum of 3/32" tread depth. Johnson recommends using a depth gauge or a penny to measure your tire's tread depth. “If using a penny, insert the penny into the tread groove with Lincoln's face showing and his head upside down,” says Johnson. “If you can see all of Lincoln's head, the tire needs to be replaced.” Most tires also have built-in tread wear indicators that let the driver know when tire replacement is necessary.
- Engine oil that was low or needed changing was the fourth most common situation. Dirty oil will increase engine wear, while low oil levels can lead to overheating. If the oil level drops too low, lubrication will be lost and severe engine damage can result. Regular oil changes will add longevity to the engine.
- Worn-out windshield wiper blades was the fifth most troublesome item. Rigid, cracked or torn wiper blades can greatly reduce visibility when driving in rain and snow. Johnson recommends examining and replacing them once a year, or sooner if streaking begins.

Other areas cited as needing attention during the inspections included transmission fluid, engine coolant, antifreeze protection (for a minimum of -25° Fahrenheit), battery cables/clamps/terminals and windshield washer fluid.

“The results of our AAA Make Sense of Car Care inspections show that many drivers are not taking good basic care of their vehicle, which can lead to increased wear, breakdowns, or even accidents,” said John Nielsen, Director of Repair, Auto Acquisition and Consumer Information at AAA.

“The vehicles they drive are often consumers' second-largest investment—next to their homes,” said Johnson. “To keep automobiles operating as efficiently as possible, it is important for consumers and their trusted service technician to take a proactive approach to vehicle care and know specific areas to watch for during the coming year.”

...news from national

New BMW CCA Executive Director

Search Continues

10/24/2007

To succeed the ever-popular Wynne Smith, the National Board has formed a search committee comprising Scott Blazey, Paul Dunlevy and Bruce Hazard and has hired an Executive Search firm. For anyone interested in applying for the position of E.D., the job description and details of how to apply can be viewed by visiting the ASAE Career Headquarters website at:

asi.careerhq.org/jobdetail.cfm?job=2655705&keywords=&ref=1

...obituaries

Harmon Fischer (11/8/2007)

BMW CCA President, 2002F creator

11/10/2007 by: Bill Howard, BMW CCA

Harmon Fischer, a longtime BMW CCA member who held each of the club's elective board positions, died November 8, 2007, at his home in Maitairie, LA. He was 75. Fischer was also famed as the genius behind the BMW 2002F, one of BMW's most legendary vehicles.



Harmon W. Fischer, here in 1980, founded the Bayou Chapter and served 13 years on the BMW CCA board

In 13 years on the BMW CCA board, he served as zone governor (now regional VP), treasurer, secretary, vice-president, and president of the club.

"Mister BMW to all of us" - "Harmon was Mister BMW to all of us in Louisiana," recalls Gwen Sprunk, who served as Bayou Chapter newsletter editor for many years when Harmon

was chapter president. In his professional career, Fischer owned a BMW dealership in the pre-BMW NA years, and was Divisional Vice-President, Director of Planning and Research at the D. H. Holmes Company department store chain.



Harmon Fischer was the genius who conjured up the 2002F, shown here in early prototype form.

The man behind the 2002F (F for fast) - Harmon Fischer was the genius who conjured up the 2002F, shown here in early prototype form. To many other club members, Fischer was best known for the 2002F, a BMW of mythical proportions. As Harmon described it in a 1970's Roundel article, the 2002F was an affordable, performance-tuned BMW 2002 brought back by BMW AG in limited production to correct the real and perceived shortcomings of the first-generation 3 Series. The car was to be available only to BMW CCA members who owned 2002s. Fischer's "BMW of mythical proportions" was exactly that -- an April Fool joke that took on a life of its own. Be sure to read Joe Chamberlain's recollection.*



Harmon's personalized plates live on.

A wake and funeral services were held in New Orleans on November 11 & 12, but donations may still be made to: Children's Hospital, 200 Henry Clay Ave, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 899-9511.

*] Read the full story and a host of comments from BMW club members at the national website: www.bmwcca.org/node/10163

classifieds

Looking to buy or sell a car or parts? Have BMW related items for sale? Try our chapter's classifieds!

Cars For Sale

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e.mail via the WMC website
classifieds page.

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classifieds page.

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manual, no mods, S52, all original
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maintained. No winters, smoke or
track time. Photos available. \$19,990.
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wheels without tires from 2002 M3.
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request. Call Charles Staab at 603
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website classifieds page.

245/45R18 Blizzaks w/ Silver Rims

These snow tires were on my '06 M5
and have about 800 miles of wear. I
paid \$1600 at Tire Rack and am
asking \$800.00. Call dan patrisso at
603 387 2579 or e.mail via the WMC
website classifieds page.

Ads listed in *the Profile* are pulled from the chapter website at the time of publication. To see the most current classifieds selection, check out the chapter website.

Chapter members can request to place an ad, at no cost, which will run for three months. See the chapter website to submit an ad. The request is subject to approval by the WMC, which cannot guarantee the items in any manner and is not responsible for the accuracy of ad content.

calendar of upcoming events

November

Tuesday November 27th, 2007 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Social Event Committee Meeting
Join the Social Events Committee in planning for up-coming
events. Meeting location is The Common Man Restaurant in
Merrimack, NH. Get directions from the WMC website.
COST: FREE Food and Drinks

January '08

Saturday January 26th, 2008 6:00pm - 11:00pm
Holiday Party
You don't want to miss this spectacular event! Plans are
underway for another great party. Reserve this date and check
out the write-ups in this issue for more info! Will be held at
the Event Center at C.R. Sparks in Bedford, NH. Get
directions from the WMC website.
COST: \$25 per person
Registration is open! (check the website)

camera shots

“Beautiful!”

by: Laura Fallis, Membership Chair

(But what part of what car is it? Right fog light of the new Batmobile?! – ed.)



Have you taken an interesting BMW or BMW CCA related photograph worth “showing off”?
If so, send it in!

Submit your favorite BMW or BMW CCA related photo to *the Profile* newsletter editor for “camera shots”.

...at Club events or car shows, in your neighbor’s barn or your driveway, on a lift in your mechanic’s shop or blasting down the Bavarian Autobahn. Anywhere! You decide! Just send it in!

You don’t have to be a professional photographer, just a BMW enthusiast with a camera! Even interesting snapshots can be considered!

Be sure to include your name and a caption and/or title! For details, see the production information page towards the back of *the Profile*.

chapter sponsorship

Following are the businesses whom we are thankful to have as sponsors of the chapter. They help fund our driving schools and social events, and provide valuable services for our members. Mention your BMW membership, as some provide additional discounts on goods and services.

Look for their ads in forthcoming issues of *the Profile*, give them your support, and let them know you saw them in *the Profile*!



Not satisfied with the "temporary" plug line of your business that's run in the past few issues of the Profile?

Then contact the Marketing and Sponsorship Coordinator* to have a more acceptable ad placed in the next issue!

*] see page 3



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The Profile is currently published on a fixed schedule every two months. The below list of dates is intended to help event planners, paying advertisers, and anyone else interested in submitting content for publication. All submissions, including ads, must be received by the Editor by the below listed deadlines or they'll be held for the following issue.

submissions criteria for general content

All content to be considered for publication, must be in electronic file format - e.mail attachments or files burned to CD. All copyrighted material must be accompanied by written permission to reprint. Photo submissions are encouraged and should be submitted in the highest resolution available. Please include photo credits and captions. Contact the Editor if you have any questions.

submissions criteria for ads

Pre-payment of ads is required, prior to submission for publication. All ads must be in electronic format, be sized to their final publication size, and have a minimum resolution of at least 200dpi (300dpi preferred). Ads must also be "camera ready"; requiring no layout re-work or editing. Graphic design services for "reworking" existing ads, or for new ad creation, are available from *the Profile's* publishing company, *mjc.design.works, LLC at an additional charge.*

for more information...

...on placing an existing ad, contact the WMC Marketing and Sponsorship Coordinator.

...about design services for editing of existing ads, or for new ad creation, contact the Editor.

production dates and deadlines for future issues

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE DATE</u>	<u>TARGET DELIVERY DATE</u>
February - March	Friday, January 4 th	February 1 st
April - May	Friday, March 7 th	April 1 st
June - July	Friday, May 1 st	June 2 nd
August - September	Friday, July 4 th	August 1 st
October - November	Friday, September 5 th	October 1 st
December - January '09	Friday, November 7 th	December 1 st

send submissions...

...as text in the body of, or as files attached to, an e.mail: editor@whitemtn-bmwclub.org

...on CD via postal mail: **Martin Callahan, Profile Editor, 195 Little Bay Rd., Newington, NH 03801**

Questions? Contact the Editor.

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