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Small Tires Make for Big Thrills at F1 Boston

original photo by Paul Michali

fter a many year hiatus, the White Mountain Chapter returned to F1 Boston for some fierce, albeit friendly, bumper-to-

On a mid-winter Saturday afternoon, almost two dozen WMC members converged on this

bumper kart racing competition.

post process by Martin Callahan

first class kart racing venue and proved "it's not the size of your tires that matters, it's what you can do with them!"

Chris Hegarty gives us a recount of the event, but he did not win the race and on page 7 you can read all his excuses why.

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Now is the Time Here is the Place

by David Thibodeau, President

It's now the best time of the year to get out do something fun with like-minded BMW and MINI enthusiasts!

You've come to rely on the social events committee to arrange fun outings to many special places in our region, and this year the SEC envisions yet another full calendar, including visits to Yankee Candle in South Deerfield and BMW Day at Larz Anderson. We are also very happy

to now expect the return of Bavarian Autosport's Show & Shine in October. Because members' interests are so diverse, it is often a challenge to identify events for our chapter that will attract the greatest number of attendees. Input and suggestions are always welcome.

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as required by BMW CCA bylaws not only requires work from our volunteer staff but also represents a significant financial loss to the Chapter. If you are aware of sponsorship opportunities to help defray these costs while at the same time helping a BMW-related business get greater exposure to our club, please let us know. See page 14 for related news about the Profile. -ed.

Without the hard work of many volunteers none of our driving events could take place either. June will see the return of the Tire Rack Street Survival program at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. We've managed to

reserve an ideal day - Saturday June 25 for that. Please consider participating either by encouraging a teenager you know to sign up or by volunteering. You do not need to have attended a skill school or driving school to help us help local teenagers be safer behind the wheel.



Street Survival at NHMS - June 25th It's about more than driving... It's about living!

As you read this we are also deep into planning driving events at some exciting new locations including Canaan Motor Club (August 6 &7) and at Club Motorsports in Tamworth later in the year. Stay tuned...





our newest chapter members Welcome!

Craig BissonRochester
David Husak Windham
John Loftus
Scott Hochgraf Bow
Marc Normandeau Dover
Gary Polson Concord
Scott Scribner Francestown
Paul Dachsteiner Stratham
Andrew Dagostino Jr Newmarket

Attention New Members!

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

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

Welcome!

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Spring is Here!And With it a New Driving Season

by Tom Giffen, Membership Chair

as I write this at the end of March, we are enjoying the beginning of spring as an incredibly mild winter has ended. With spring of course we welcome a new driving season! Here's to everyone having a great time at as many of the events as they can attend. I hope that everyone is ready, that your cars are ready and that you are all prepared for the upcoming season.

To help share it, we have a number of new members, with the latest roster showing a total of 663. New members all hail from New Hampshire, with several from the southeast part of the state including the seacoast area, and several from the middle part of the state as well. Welcome to all!

By the time you read this, the first Advanced Driving Safety Skills School of the season will have already taken place, but there certainly are more events coming. Please check the calendar section of the website, and plan to join your fellow BMW enthusiasts at whichever events suit your desire! There is a brewery tour and lunch at the Hayseed Restaurant run by Smuttynose Brewery in Hampton on April 24th, a Yankee Candle event in May, and much more to come.

Here's to seeing you there!

Member Spotlight Somebody You Should Know About



active involvement with the club.

by Pete McDonough

Matthew Tremblay WMC member since 2015

In this month's member spotlight is Matthew Tremblay. In his rookie year with the BMW CCA, Matthew is no stranger to the

BMW brand or to the auto industry. Having spent time on the parts teams at dealerships for Honda, Mercedes and Volvo, Matt landed at BMW a few years ago and quickly developed a passion for the brand. He has since leveraged his experience as the wholesale parts manager for Tulley BMW to land a spot with BMW NA where he now serves in a similar capacity for the NE region. Matt lives with his wife and two children in Manchester and looks forward to

Matthew will be featured in an upcoming Profile article covering the unique story of how he translated a career into a passion and ended up working for one of the most highly respected automotive brands in the world. Stay tuned!

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

send all submissions and questions to: editor@whitemtn-bmwclub.org

SEC update + DEC update

Go Ahead! Be Social and Surprise Yourself

by David Harrison, SEC Chair

ociety is based on being social. Being social is the basis of a club. Your BMW car club looks to provide all members with means to be social through the Social Events Committee (SEC).

The SEC functions as the chapter's idea collecting group which in turn transforms those ideas in to memorable events. Touring events, dinners, and just fun gatherings are conceived, organized, and attended by like-minded folks looking for an outlet to channel their passion for all things BMW.

be surprised how much fun you can have

Check out the chapter's events calendar on page 12, and keep tabs on the latest developments, changes and additions at the chapter website. Watch for SEC planning meetings or events that will take you on to the next level of interaction with other members.

You might be surprised how much fun you can have and how social we can be.

...and I'd be happy to say, "I told you so!"

Summer Heat Forecast for Canaan, New Hampshire HPDE Weekend at the new Canaan Motor Club - August 6 + 7

by David Thibodeau, DEC Chair

to be planning our annual Summer Heat High Performance Driving School at Canaan Motor Club this year! The newly constructed 1.3 mile road course is expected to offer new challenges to veteran drivers and a safe environment for both driving school novices and track rats alike. Two days, Saturday and Sunday, August 6 & 7. Mark your calendars now!

Canaan Motor Club

the new 1.3 mile road course will offer new challenges to veteran drivers as well as novices

Canaan Motor Club's location in the Dartmouth/Lake Sunapee region is the perfect place to spend a summer weekend. Students will also find the lower cost structure to be friendlier to their wallets.

Attendance at Canaan will be limited so if you are thinking about attending, don't delay. Event details can be found on our chapter website and on the event registration page at:

whitemtn-bmwclub.motorsportreg.com



Thrilling by design: The CMC is a 1.3 mile long technically challenging road course with extensive run off areas to promote a safe environment for all track users. The track was designed to run in both directions to give a total of 2.6 miles with nine major turns.

Summer Heat 2016 Canaan Motor Club

What:

2-day High Performance Drivers Education

When

Saturday August 6 + Sunday August 7

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Canaan Motor Club Canaan, New Hampshire

See videos and learn more about this exciting new track at:

www.canaanmotorclub.com

Small Tires = Big Thrill BMW CCA WMC Dominates at F1 Boston

text by Chris Hegarty

photos by Paul Michali

k, perhaps "dominate" is a bit too strong of a term, but 20 die hard members of the White Mountain Chapter did have about an hour of thrilling track time and afternoon of great camaraderie at F1 Boston in Braintree, MA, on Saturday, February 20th.

Grouping up at noon for our pre-track briefing, I observed that the playing field looked pretty level, at

least at first glance. I did notice a couple of younger (well, a lot younger than me!), drivers. A few showed up with their own helmets and gloves, and got me to think a few of these guys are really serious about their karting probably the reason they drive BMWs in the first place! We signed the typical requisite waiver documents and headed downstairs to suit up and hit the track. There were to be to qualifying runs and a final run for the top 12 drivers based on best lap times from the two qualifying heats.

After suiting up in Nomex (probably not) -check, came the neck brace -check, helmet

-check, driving gloves (oops, should have brought my own since they're not supplied, -and I should also invest in a pair of appropriate foot wear as well too). This was going to be fun; speed and competition are addictive, and we were fortunate to have had both on this Saturday afternoon!

So, I found myself in the second heat, second position and we were off to the races. The objective of course for qualifying is simply to

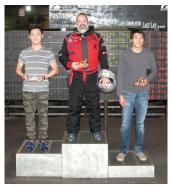
get the fastest lap time. There are different strategies to get there, and one of them is of course track position. Leave enough space between you and everyone else to get that fastest lap without having to deal with "traffic". Easier said than done. In the end, I wasn't fast enough to finish in the top 12, but I certainly was quick enough to come up with a lot of excuses why. For one, the body weight of the winners (although the overall winner, Kevin Camaire, was about the same physical size as me?!). The 2nd and 3rd place winners had to be at least 50 pounds lighter than I am, and as any good engineer (or racer) knows, when it comes to acceleration and handling, mass is the enemy. I also noticed a distinct variation in vehicle performance from kart to kart. See, I'm good at finding the excuses! Nevertheless, it was great fun to be racing against fellow BMW enthusiasts.

The F1 track personnel were professional, courteous and helpful. We had no mishaps and most heeded the instructions from the staff, with the exception of the overall winner, who didn't quite understand which direction to drive for his victory lap! A winner's prerogative I guess. Trophies were awarded to the top three finishers; their competition to earn them











Competition was fierce, but in the end the podium only had room for three:

1st - Kevin Camire

2nd - Tianyi Ma

3rd - Vidi Saptari





had been fierce. After our heated (but very fun) competition, a few of us stayed for a nice lunch in the F1 restaurant and talked BMWs, of course; all in all, a great way to spend the afternoon.

Dave and I look forward to setting up another event like this. It was a great blend of driving and social interaction. And now that you know how thrilling the whole event was, we certainly hope to have even greater participation when we do it again!

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Celebrate BMW's 100th Anniversary Two Incredible Weeks in Monterev

with the BMW Clubs of America

submitted by Chris Hennecy

he BMW car and motorcycle clubs of America are joining together for what will be the largest celebration of BMW's 100th anniversary in the United States, this August 19-28 in Monterey, California. Legends of the Autobahn® will be held on August 19, the Festorics trackside corral and hospitality on August 19-21, and the 47th Annual BMW CCA Oktoberfest from August 23–28. All three events will combine to form what is being called "Celebrate BMW," a celebration of 100 years of BMW. And each of the three enthusiast events are presented by Michelin, whose tires are featured on every BMW M series car platform from the 2 Series through the 6 Series.

Celebrate BMW attendees can look forward to a variety of driving and social events during the celebration, including: concours d' elegance, rallies, high-performance driving schools, historic car racing, autocross, and of course, lots of food and drink! This ten-day event will feature unrivaled automotive and social gatherings amidst the scenic beauty of the Monterey coastline.

Celebrate BMW August 19-28, 2016

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Legends of the Autobahn August 19 | Nicklaus Club-Monterey

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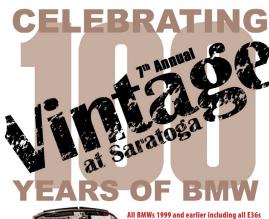
Throwing Down the Gauntlet Calling New Hampshire's Classic BMWs

by Stan Chamallas

s a club member, unless you've been living under a rock, you already know that 2016 marks the 100th anniversary of BMW. Consequently, there will be many special celebrations across the US. There will be a huge aggregation of classic BMWs at Legends of the Autobahn (LegendsoftheAutobahn.org) with vintage BMWs coming from all over the country to meet in Boulder Colorado and drive the rest of the way. Another contingent of E9 coupes will be trailered across to southern California with a plan to drive up the coast to Monterey. The annual Vintage in North Carolina will move to Asheville (atthevintage.com) and the Patroon Chapter will host yet another Vintage in Saratoga, New York (vintageatsaratoga.com).

Over the past few years I have been to several BMW events where the classic cars have been featured. At first it was about getting my car out there to show, then it became more about the drive, often taking back roads and zooming through the twisties in the manner these cars were designed to be driven. Later, it became as much about the camaraderie. During and after the drives meeting new people and old friends, seeing what they have done with their cars, and often getting advice about repairs to my car!

I happened to be out there on business and my good friend Chris Macha said that if I stayed for the weekend, I could see the So. Cal Vintage. As luck would have it, the Pine Tree Chapter's own Andrew Wilson was out there along with about 300 classic BMWs. The west coast gang of E9 aficionados (Paul Cain -the man responsible for my love of the coupe, Michael





At the Saratoga Auto Museum - Saratoga Springs, New York **July 8, 9, 10, 2016** vintageatsaratoga.com



Burger, Tom, Fred, and the aforementioned Chris) had me immersed in the west coast classic scene. I was directing traffic and guiding cars into photogenic parking spot; it was a blast! Where else would you see a live mariachi band playing at a BMW event? California is a big state; many drove hours to get there, but I'm certain for each of them it was worth it.

And now for a challenge... There just HAS to be more than four classic (pre-1999) BMWs in New Hampshire! The driving, the friends you haven't met, the beer, the food, are all great reasons to mark your calendars today. Don't you think we could get the Vermont, Maine and Massachusetts Chapters together to do something or support the Patroon Chapter with a caravan to Saratoga? (vintageatsaratoga.com)

C'mon folks, if you have a vintage BMW in your garage, step up, you won't regret it. From Manchester, the ride to Saratoga is a delightful four hour back roads ride. For those bolder, you will be rewarded if you decide to drive to Asheville NC, and of course the high holy pilgrimage, the west coast trip in August.

To get involved with it all, check out the above mentioned websites, or contact me, Stan Chamallas, for more information.







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- Jason Cammisa, Senior Editor, MotorTrend







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Parkers Maple Barn and Syrup Tour WMC Kicks of 2016 Driving Season with Sweet Tradition

photos by Paul Michali



unday, March 13 set the stage for our annual pilgrimage to Parkers Maple Barn in Mason, New Hampshire. I have to commend the early morning BMW enthusiasts who all showed up right on the dot at 8 a.m., even though it was "move the clocks ahead Sunday". If you've ever been to Parkers you know the "house rules" — no one sits until everyone in your party arrives. Sort of like a scene straight out of Seinfeld.

Anyway our morning was unseasonably sunny and warm. I think this is the first time I've ever been to Parkers in March where they didn't have the wood stove running full tilt. The pancakes and maple syrup were just as fine as can be. By the time we

were finishing up with breakfast the wait for those wanting to follow in our footsteps stretched well out into the parking lot.

> Being the third week of March, maple sugaring season was in full swing. After breakfast, some of us chose to tour Parker's own maple sugaring operation

and gift shop. Others though, opted this year to take a short but quite scenic drive through

> Mason, Greenfield, and around the back of Temple Mountain to Ben's Sugar Shack instead.

Ben's staff treated us to a tour of their operation, everything from checking out the extensive network of taps and lines (some are a mile long!) to the boilers, through final assembly. In the "mailroom" we learned that Ben's ships quite a lot of syrup direct to consumer





such as Amazon.com! It's forward thinking like that which has allowed Ben's to grow rapidly, becoming the second largest maple sugaring operation in New Hampshire.

So, with our traditional season-opener event behind us now, let's enjoy the rest of the 2016 driving season!

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may

Sunday May 15th, 2016 11:00am

Lunch and Yankee Candle Factory



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

june

Saturday June 25th, 2016 7:30am - 4:00pm

Tire Rack Street Survival School



Do you want to make your teen a safer and smarter driver? This BMW Foundation sponsored event helps students 21 years old and under learn skills beyond plain old Driver's Ed. Held in the parking lot at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, COST: \$75 Register NOW! (until 06/10/16)

july

Friday July 1st, 2016

Profile submission deadline



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august

Saturday August 6th through Sunday August 7th, 2016 7:00am - 5:00pm

August Driving School at Canaan



The newly developed 1.3 mile road course at Canaan Motor Club provides plenty of opportunity to improve your driving skills. Canaan Motor Club, Canaan NH, COST: \$325 two day / \$175 one day Register NOW! (until 07/15/16)

Sunday August 14th, 2016 9:00am - 2:00pm

Larz Anderson Auto Museum - BMW Day



Come witness the history and evolution of the BMW. Any vehicle from the Bavarian car maker's long and storied past is welcome at this show. From classic 2002s to modern M-cars,

all manner of Bimmers will fill up the lawn. 15 Newton St. Brookline, MA, COST: \$20 entry fee for cars, RSVP

october 2016

Sunday October 2nd, 2016 8:00am - 2:00pm

Bavarian Autosport Show and Shine

Back by popular demand!



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s a kid I thought the coolest house on TV was 1313 Mockingbird Lane (a.k.a., the Munster family home). The Victorian mansion had many great features only a family from Transylvania would enjoy. Best of all there was a dragon living under the stairs named Spot. He was unknown and unseen from the outside but emerged anytime an uninvited guest entered the home. The Munsters never needed a home protection system with Spot lurking just out of sight.

So what do the Munsters have in common with my BMWs? The simple answer is that I appreciate a clean factory look of BMW stereos and speakers. They are designed to blend into the interior and not stand out from the panels where they reside. This approach is what I have recently adopted rather than the exposed amps, equalizers, and oversized speakers I enjoyed in my vehicles a few decades ago. Back then I was part of the "flaunt it if you got it" crowd. I only barely resisted the urge to place "Alpine" or "Pioneer" signs in my windshields. Being a bit more "seasoned" now, a more modest approach is what I prefer today.







And how does a more mature music fan enhance a sound system without altering the appearance of one's BMW? By taking a cue from the Munsters! -Keep the dragon close but hidden under the stairs! Or more explicitly, replace factory speakers with stealth options, concealing them in plain sight. That is where Baysound really helped.

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They offer speaker and replacement upgrades which are direct OEM replacements and simple "plug & play" units. With new speakers in hand, pretty much all I had to do was remove door and rear deck panels, "plug", then "play"! Not too hard of an operation for even the most basic of gearheads.

My kit came with eight speakers and instructions (supplemented by Youtube videos of my exact car). No modifications were needed to the wiring as everything plugged into the factory plugs. So in one day I was able to pull the original units and install the much better built replacements all without changing the appearance. As good as it looked with the panels back in place, the proof was in the sound. The advertised higher highs and lower lows were immediately apparent. But I still had

one more desire...

my wife prefers not to be home when I operate on our BMWs with power tools such as a Sawsall

What upgraded sound system is complete without adding a thumping bass? Not the type you hear from three blocks away but something simply to give a bit more "feel" to the music. Unfortunately, I learned that Bavsound does not make a bass for my old car, a 2001, 540.

So on to "Plan B" (always have "Plan B" by the way), which was to get a bass unit from our local Bavarian Autosport in Portsmouth.

www.bavauto.com

Fortunately, they offer a nice self-contained bass and amp ready to plug into my existing wiring. The only problem was my car does not have the pass way between the back seats for the sound to get from the trunk to

> the cabin. So out came the Sawsall! You might be cringing about now, but you would be surprised how often that saw has been used in my cars, albeit often to the horror of my wife, Rachelle. She prefers not to be home when I "operate" on our BMWs with such power tools.

Anyway, a little precision sawing, gluing of trim pieces, and with my attention to detail, you can believe me when I say the "surgery" was a

a bit of reupholstering, some success and all is well.



Now I am enjoying the full range of quality audio power at all frequencies AND a factory appearance. I just turn the stealth knob on the dash and boy, do my passengers know when the dragon comes out to play! Here Spot!!!

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a side note from Bruce Bergeron...

After posting this ad on the chapter website, the car didn't hang around long. Its new owner has some very interesting aspirations for it. As if it was still lacking, he intends to craft an S85 motor from an E60 M5 into this wagon. Might very well then be the only V10 E9 wagon in existence! He is a touring fanatic and owns two other German touring cars that he "modified" as well.

What's exciting is he's agreed to do a story in an upcoming *Profile* of this E39 build - I can't wait!

parts for sale

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by David Thibodeau, President + Martin Callahan, Profile Production Editor

Chapter members every two months. With the recent explosion of online "instant access news" resources, the launch of countless social media outlets, and our members ever increasing reliance on the website and social media for the most current information, the leverage that can be obtained via "printed newsletters" has changed drastically. The Profile's effectiveness as a primary source of club news has diminished, while production costs have increased to the point where the Profile represents a very significant drain on the Chapter's limited financial resources.

We still plan to publish a printed *Profile* at least once every three months (quarterly) per BMW CCA National's guidelines, and more frequently whenever possible. The ability for our small Chapter to continue to bring you the quality newsletter you have come to expect depends on several factors including support from advertisers, an active (and profitable) driving event season, and the dedication of our members to supply fresh content.

To keep the *Profile* relevant we are always on the lookout for engaging exposés, interviews with interesting individuals, and of course stories and photos of your "impressions from the winding road".

Suggestions, comments and constructive criticism about the Profile are also welcome; send yours to us at:

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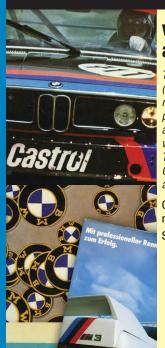








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