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The BMW Isetta

photo + post process by Martin Callahan



BMW is known today for its high performance, state-of-the-art technology and preeminent luxury design, so it's hard to imagine that the success of this tiny, basic and underpowered car played a major roll in the survival of the company.

Being one of only a few BMWs that hasn't sported the iconic "kidney

grill" over the front radiator (perhaps because it couldn't?), it nevertheless made its mark in BMW history and earned its right to be branded a BMW Classic.

This nice Isetta 250, sporting a signature BMW "Blau mit Weiss" color scheme, was captured by Martin Callahan at the BMW Zentrum in Munich.

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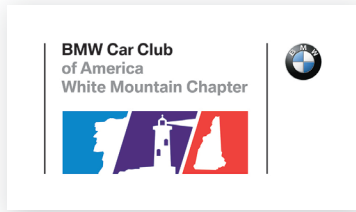
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## You Reap What You Sow Plowing & Planting for a Bountiful 2017

by David Thibodeau, President



With the close of the Chapter elections in December, Paul Lillios, Bruce Bergeron, Roland Beaulé and myself are looking forward to serving you as officers again this year.

Mid-winter is a time when most members are correctly focused on things other than the club. You might be surprised to learn this is actually a critical and quite busy time of year for our volunteers.

I know David Harrison and others on the Social Events Committee are working through the details to make our annual Reunion Dinner happen in February.

Bruce Bergeron, who has stepped up to assume the role of Driving Events Chair, is also doing everything possible to ensure we have secured dates, locations, and volunteers for interesting and fun driving events from now through October.

The Board is pleased to report that the new year finds the Chapter in stable financial health. This was clearly due in no small part to support of our members, advertisers, and event sponsors throughout the year. A detailed financial statement will be posted on the website soon.

Now, get back to thinking about those deferred maintenance and updates needed for your summer driver. April is just around the corner!

Check this out!



### impressions from the winding road

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

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- Bill O'Brien . . . . . Stratham, NH
- John Sowden . . . . . Manchester, NH
- Jennifer Allen . . . . . Barrington, NH

**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!*

**Make the Most of Winter  
Start Penning Your Calendar Now**

by Tom Giffen, Membership Chair

Here we are – the holidays are over, a few of our cars may be put away, and plans are being made for the warm weather that is sure to come. While we wait, there are many things that may occupy us. We may be doing projects on our track cars or summer driving cars, we may be running our other cars through the car wash, but we can always count on something interesting going on with the club.

Check the website for dates and new event announcements, and you will see what I mean! On the calendar, there are already a number of driving school events and social events posted – and there will definitely be more to come.

You won't want to miss the 2017 Winter Reunion which is right around the corner, and our unofficial driving season kickoff event, the annual trip to Parkers Maple Barn, is always a hit.

In the meantime, here's the mid-winter update on the membership numbers: Membership is currently at 680 members, with a few departures and several new additions. Please join me in welcoming our new members! Remember, as others have said, there are no strangers here, just new friends that we have not yet met!

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**Member Spotlight  
Somebody You Should Know About**

submitted by Martin Callahan

**Paul Michali**  
WMC member since 2001



Undeniably, Paul has been an amazing asset to the chapter ever since he first got involved back in 2002.

Paul was the architect of the chapter's first custom-developed website back in 2005, but he's been the primary webmaster and website manager now for over 16 years! In the era still before many of us had personal e-mail addresses, Paul's vision and expertise guided the WMC into the digital age well

ahead of many other chapters in the CCA. If you're able and willing to give him a technical hand, he certainly would appreciate a break and would love to hear from you!

Paul's passion for the club isn't all tied up in code however. Over the years he's been the Membership Chair and held the elected position of Secretary. He's also a "charter member" of the SEC and has been active on the DEC for almost as long.

If you've been to ANY chapter event over the past 16 years, there's a good chance Paul was there - with a smile on his face and his camera in hand.



Paul has graciously contributed well over 11,000 (!) photos to the club; with the vast majority of the WMC photo gallery attributable to him.

At driving schools, both on and off the track, when not behind the wheel himself, Paul has photographed many hundreds (if not thousands) of participants in action, and made the photos all available for free! And if you were ever to attempt to count all the photos in *the Profile* newsletters over the past 10+ years that have his name next to them, it would be easy to loose count.

So, if you haven't yet, thank Paul at the next event for his efforts. If you don't know who he is, he'll be the one smiling with a nice Nikon camera in hand.

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

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**Hibernation Season is Over  
It's Time to Come Out and Play**

by David Harrison, SEC Chair

Where have you been? Even the groundhog is coming out of hibernation and socializing by now. So why not come out and join your White Mountain chapter for one of our brand new or well established events? Some are already on the calendar and some are still in the imagination stage with members just like you. Note: All suggestions are welcome via email or in person at any gathering.

Sunday, February 19 marks the kickoff event of 2017 with the Winter Reunion. The holidays are finished and most of our routines are finally are back to normal. It is time for the chapter to meet for the first official social gathering of the year. Our only goal is to get old and new friends together for a casual gathering, dinner, and a celebration of BMW. The Common Man restaurant in Windham has been very kind to the chapter and will provide us a room for the evening. The chapter will offer current members and a guest a light dinner, desert, and a chance to win some exciting door prizes. Please RSVP a.s.a.p. online so we can have an estimate for seating.

Sunday, March 12 will be the famed annual Parkers Maple Barn breakfast. The restaurant and sugar shack in Mason is the place to find all things maple! You can watch the syrup being made, enjoy a most flavorful meal, and take a jug of goodness home to share (or not). The chapter just asks for you to pay for your meal. Tours are free. Again, RSVPs are appreciated but not required.

**DEC Announces Pit Crew Changes  
Exploring New Possibilities for 2017**

by David Thibodeau, Registrar + Bruce Bergeron, DEC Chair

The DEC is quite happy to announce that Bruce Bergeron has stepped into the role of Driving Event Committee Chair. Bruce is someone the club depends on to always be there whenever something needs to get done. He brings experience as a Driving Instructor at many track events with our own and other Chapters. David Tedeschi will continue as our Chief Driving Instructor, with David Thibodeau assuming the role of Registrar once again.

The DEC is deep in the planning stages for our April Advanced Driving Skills (ADS) and High Performance Driving Events (HPDE) at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. If you are interested in one or both of these, hop on over to the website and register soon. The ADS event in particular is always a sell-out.

In December, Bruce and the "two of the Davids" - Tedeschi and Thibodeau - attended an informal gathering of BMW CCA chapters in the northeast. The principal purpose of that meeting was to share plans among the Chapters for the upcoming driving season. However, we also came away feeling both fortunate and confident that our small and vibrant chapter will continue to effectively run events at our local New Hampshire tracks.

As we write this, we continue exploring possibilities for new types of events and in different New Hampshire locations. Canaan Motor Club and Club Motorsports immediately come to mind and remain distinct possibilities.

Anyone interested in helping the DEC with these or other events, in any capacity, is always welcome to step forward.

**2017  
White Mountain Chapter  
Winter Reunion**

what: **Good Friends, Nice Dinner, Exciting Prizes**  
 when: **Sunday, February 19th**  
 where: **Common Man in Windham**  
 cost: **FREE! - but please RSVP: [whitemtn-bmwclub.org](http://whitemtn-bmwclub.org)**



It was a winter of sorts, but with the days getting longer and temps getting warmer, spring is finally making its way into our lives again. With it literally comes the time for the rubber to meet the road (or track). Many social and driving activities are being planned. As I write this, some have yet to be slotted into the calendar but should be soon, so please check online or look at postings that land in your inbox for the most current information. – Then, mark your own calendar and climb out of hibernation. I hope to see you soon!



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## To N<sub>2</sub> or Not To? All I Need Is the Air That I Breathe

by David Harrison, SEC Chair

You may have noticed the green valve stem caps on the wheels of cars in your local parking lots. The color is to notify anyone servicing the tires that they are filled with nitrogen and not just plain old air. Nitrogen is better. But how much better?

There are benefits to the nitrogen filled tires. The most obvious reason is the ability of the gas not to expand and contract to the same degree as compressed air. Race cars and airplanes use nitrogen for this very purpose. It makes sense for an aircraft

sitting on a 140 degree runway expecting the tires to be exposed to negative 40 degrees at altitude or vice versa. The same logic holds for a vehicle that plans to heat up the brakes (and tires) until they glow and smoke. They all benefit from having nitrogen filled tires.

However, if you remem-

ber your basic earth science class you will recollect the atmosphere is made up of 78% nitrogen,

21% oxygen, and 1% other gases. That means compressed air is already mostly nitrogen. Going from compressed air to “pure nitrogen” only increases the concentration of nitrogen and if you are willing to get the better mixture it is available for a price. After all, someone has to pull the oxygen out of the mix, bottle it, and presumably ship the bottle to a shop near you – all adding to its price.

Even if you are an automotive enthusiast who regularly enjoys “spirited” driving, you will most likely not see any real benefit from running nitrogen filled tires. BMW agrees and does not service any of their vehicles with anything other than common air. Dealerships do not offer or recommend nitrogen to the general public.

So my advice is, stick with the old standard compressed air, check your tire pressure every two weeks, and save yourself a few bucks. That will do more for your fuel economy, road grip, and tire life. – But, if you just gotta have those cool green valve stems... ■



**Most likely you will not see any real benefit from nitrogen filled tires, and BMW agrees.**



Tires with green valve stem caps are filled with nitrogen, instead of compressed air.



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## Camera Shots Poster The Venerable 3-Series E30

photo by Christopher Callahan post process + design by Martin Callahan



The E30 - the highly successful 3-Series model that BMW produced from 1982 to 1994. Available in various body styles including coupe, convertible, 4-door sedan, and “Touring” (wagon), it was the first 3-Series to offer a diesel engine, and with the 325iX, ground breaking all-wheel drive. The E30 platform was the basis for the first M3.

Penned by Claus Luthe in 1978, the E30 with its signature classic design and stalwart BMW engineering, over 30 years on, is still coveted by BMW fans of all ages around the world.

This beautiful example was captured recently by Christopher Callahan on a sunny summer day while visiting Salzburg, Austria. Just sitting in a parking lot against an amazing backdrop of classic architecture, it was just begging to have its picture taken. [Pull-out poster on following pages ▶▶](#)

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## BMW's Flying Low in Londonderry Celebrating Flight at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire

by Tom Stoll



You may not know that BMW began as a company that made airplane engines in 1916. It was only years later that motorcycles and then car manufacturing followed. It is said the origin of the blue and white Roundel is a spinning propeller.

With this in mind a group of White Mountain members assembled their BMWs in front of the Aviation Museum in Londonderry on one fine



blue sky Saturday in November. We gathered that day to better appreciate the long history of aviation in New Hampshire.

After introductions our tour leader gave us a brief outline of the museum's mission - to preserve New Hampshire aviation

history through dynamic and hands on exhibits and programs. The building once was the historic art-deco Grenier Field/Manchester Airport main terminal and control tower

constructed in 1937 (one year after the first BMW 328 was produced). The building has been relocated to its present site next to the airport runway.

One impressive display is a recently reconstructed experimental biplane originally built by Jim Jackson of Brookline, NH. Jim designed and built the biplane over the course of almost six years while living in a mobile home. Sporting a Lycoming O290G-125 HP engine and weighing less than 1000 pounds, it received the "Best Appearing Home Built" at the famed Reading Air show in Pennsylvania.

The cockpit preserved from an Embraer 110 that served in the Wiggins Airways fleet for many years is also on display. The display allows two

**An interesting step  
back in time,  
with the  
NH Aviation  
Historical Society**



This classic, art-deco 1937 terminal served as Manchester's aviation "front door" until replaced by the Ammon Terminal in 1961. Relocated and restored in 2004 on the east side of the Manchester airport, the building now serves as the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire run by the New Hampshire Aviation Historical Society. (source: [www.flymanchester.com](http://www.flymanchester.com))

to sit in the (surprisingly comfortable) seats and man the controls. No 6-speed manual transmission is on tap as in the M3 but you can hear live radio traffic from approaching aircraft! There is also a separate flight simulator where some demonstrated their flying skills (or lack thereof), to the entertainment of others who watched.



The group also witnessed a fascinating demonstration of a multi cylinder radial engine where we could see the pushrods, camshafts and valves in action, an earlier version of the VANOS systems on our BMWs.

Displays of local flying heroes of many wars, New Hampshire-made aircraft and long forgotten operators such as Northeast Airlines also fascinated the group. ■

**Upcoming Events  
and Noteworthy Dates for Your Calendar**

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

**february**

Sunday February 19th, 2017  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

**2017 Winter  
Reunion Party**

BMW Car Club  
of America  
White Mountain Chapter



Join fellow members to kick off the new year. A light dinner will be provided for members and one guest at the Common Man restaurant in Windham. RSVP appreciated. Meeting location is The Common Man of Windham. See page 6 for details. Questions? Contact 603-216-2829. COST: FREE Food and Drink - RSVP

**march**

Sunday March 12th, 2017  
8:00am - 8:00am

**Parker's Maple Barn  
Breakfast  
Meet And Greet**



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Road, Mason, NH Questions?  
Contact 603-216-2829.  
COST: Pay Your Own - RSVP

**april**

Monday April 3rd, 2017  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

**Social Events  
Committee Meeting**



Join the Social Events Committee in planning for up-coming events. New committee members are always welcome. Meeting location is The Common Man of Windham.  
COST: FREE Food and Drink - RSVP

Friday April 7th, 2017  
5:00pm

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deadline**



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**High Performance  
Driving School**



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**july**

Friday July 7th, 2017  
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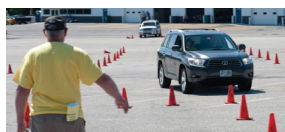
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8:00am - 5:00pm

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Survival School**



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**august**

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

**Larz Anderson Auto  
Museum - BMW Day**



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

**september**

Sunday September 17th, 2017  
8:00am - 2:00pm

**Bavarian Autosport  
Show and Shine**



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- RSVP



## Proud Comrades Served, Sacrificed, Honored

by Will Gran



As of October 26, 2016: 184,000+ miles enjoyed over 44 years, 2 months, 2 weeks, 1 day - and still counting!

**T**his 1972 BMW Bavaria 3.0 E-3 sedan, VIN 3103761, the "SENIOR6", is my authenticated one-owner, two-driver. I took this photo on October 26, 2016 at New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, New Hampshire.

I served 21 years in the Air Force on active duty in ten assignments around the world. While stationed in West Germany I placed an order direct to the BMW factory April 10, 1972 and took delivery at a BMW dealership in Wiesbaden, West Germany, August 11, 1972.

I have kept it in as close to original configuration as is feasible. Due to a main bearing failure in 1987, a factory new M30 engine with dual Weber

32/36 DGAV carburetors and an upgraded cooling system were installed. All interior elements are "as delivered".

A full body "rejuvenation" was done in 2002 and repainted in BMW Sierra Red Pearl Metallic. It has over 184,000 true miles on the odometer.

At the 2016 BMW CCA Boston Chapter Concours d' Elegance at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum, this past August, this "SENIOR6" was judged and awarded 1st Place in the Vintage 1st/2nd Generation Super Clean Category. ■■

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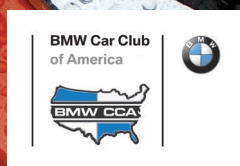
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