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BMW Car Club of America Sonora Chapter



Quentin Peterson, smiling behind the wheel, nears the end of the Bridgestone Autocross in the Laguna Seca Raceway parking lot near Monterey, California, at Oktoberfest 2013. While the event was sponsored by Bridgestone Tires, the autocross layout was designed, conducted and timed by the San Diego Chapter of BMW CCA, Inc.

Quentin competed in Class 4A (M3 modified), and took home a third-place trophy. This photograph was taken by his wife, Julia Olsen-Peterson, who took home three second-place trophies of her own, having entered several BMW-themed photographs in the Oktoberfest 2013 photography contest. More of the story inside this newsletter...

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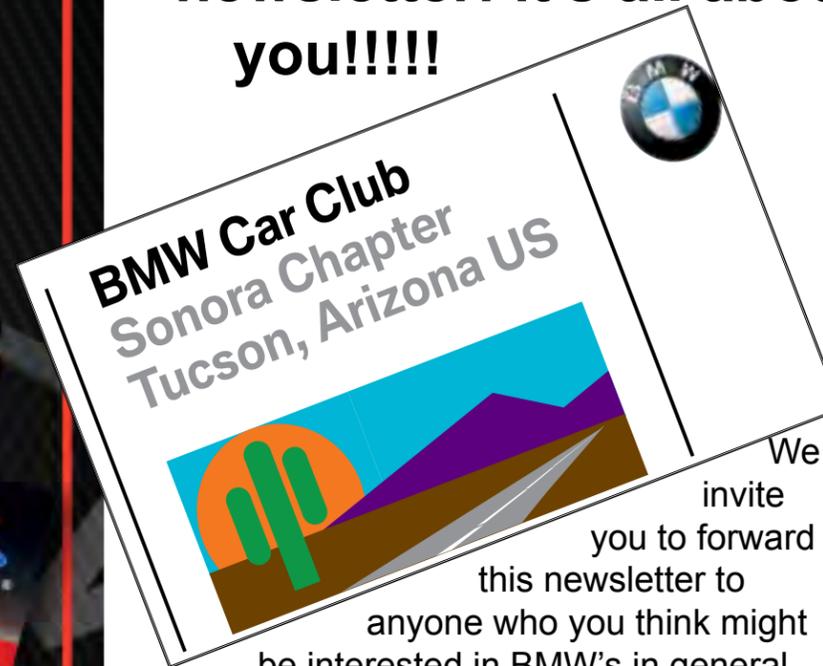
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As the weather releases its hold on 100 degree days we can start to wander back outside and enjoy Southern Arizona on foot as well as in our BMWs. In our current newsletter we have a report on how this year's Oktoberfest went from our editor Quentin Peterson, who drove his e30 M3 to beautiful Monterey, California for the event. If you couldn't make it this year, our next Oktoberfest will be held in the beautiful mountains of Beaver Creek, Colorado, June 16 – June 20, 2014. I can't recall the last time we were able to have back to back Oktoberfests west of the Mississippi, and so it's going to be a great time, so go support our Car Club and experience the event.

If you have been following the news through Roundel, you may know that the BMW CCA home office and BMW CCA Foundation now have a new home in Spartanburg, South Carolina. It is now right next door to the BMW factory in Spartanburg and will allow for an even greater relationship between BMW of North America and BMW CCA, as well as an opportunity for all of our members to benefit from that relationship. The BMW CCA Foundation has embarked on a campaign to raise \$5,500,000 in order to see all the plans they have for the new building accomplished. A very generous CCA member, that has remained anonymous has pledged matching funds in the amount of \$250,000, between now and the end of the year. Our chapter, along with the national office will be emailing more information to all members. This is a great opportunity for people to donate any amount they like to a tax-deductible charity.

And the matching funds from the very

generous donor will effectively double your Foundation donation.

This is also a very exciting time for BMW fans, as BMW has released the future of electric and hybrid cars in the i3 and i8. At Oktoberfest this past August, members were treated to a premiere of the all new M4, and the new M3 is going to be shown in the November. The all-new 4 series has now hit dealers; our local dealer, BMW of Tucson, has several on the lot and they look great. Very exciting, for me in particular, was this week's unveiling of the all new BMW 2 series along with the M235i. My very first BMW was a 1974 2002, and my parents still drive their 75' and 76' 2002s every day. I'm very excited that I will have the chance to once again have a BMW with a "2" on the rear.

I hope that you are able to make it out to one of the many great events we have planned for the remainder of the year: the Cops and Rodders Car Show on November 2, where we have a BMW trophy class, our picnic at La Madera Park on Nov. 9, our monthly get together dinner (the 2nd Thursday of every month), the December 15: Fort Huachuca Holiday Homes Tour, the Winterhaven Trolley Ride on Dec. 20, or the Lady's Tea on Dec. 7. As the year draws to a close, completing my 3rd term as your President, I want to thank all of our great members and our board members whose tireless work make our chapter so great. As always, if you ever have a comment or event idea I would love to hear them.

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During our Oktoberfest celebration, the BMW CCA Foundation launched a new capital campaign, a fund-raising effort that benefits the entire BMW CCA community. Its goals are simple: double the impact of our Street Survival program and grow our library, archive, and museum to be the premier BMW museum in the United States.

We are off to a great start: The Foundation has already received over \$600,000 in pledges toward its \$7,000,000 goal. To continue that momentum, the Foundation has also announced a \$250,000 challenge grant. Meeting this challenge will allow us to exceed our \$1,000,000 campaign goal for 2013. Every dollar you donate by the end of the year will be eligible for matching funds. The potential impact: \$500,000!

It is our sense of community that has made the BMW CCA the largest marque car club in the world. The growth of our Street Survival program has resulted from our community coming together to make an impact on teen distracted driving—and it's this same community, through donations of memorabilia and knowledge, that has created the largest archive of BMW information and artifacts in the U.S.

Now is the time for the BMW CCA community to help the Foundation take a significant step in our evolution—a step that benefits everyone. Please consider a generous gift to our future.

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November 9 La Madera Picnic La Madera Potluck Picnic & Car Shine & Show, a Saturday from 11am to 3pm at the La Madera Park (north of Glenn on Treat between Tucson Blvd & Country Club). Bring your lawn chairs & a favorite dish to share. The club will provide brauts & hamburgers, sodas, water & tea. We also have a beer permit. **rsvp** to Beth Ritterbusch by November 4th by phone (520)795-5667 or email her at ritterbb@email.arizona.edu.

December 7th, 2013 Ladies' Tea starts 11am at The Chantilly Tea Room on Oracle, north of River Road. Please **rsvp** to Beth Ritterbusch before the end of November by phone (520)795-5667 or email her at ritterbb@email.arizona.edu

December 15: Fort Huachuca Holiday Homes Tour Tour Fort Huachuca's 1880s-era senior leaders' homes, decorated for the Christmas Holidays. Meet for lunch 1st at Sierra Vista's La Casita Restaurant. **rsvp** for this event to Ross Lampert (520)378-3607 rblampert@cox.net We will be meeting up in Tucson for the ride to Sierra Vista at Mike Hornisher's office parking lot

Winterhaven Trolley Ride on December 20th, 2013: contact for this event is Ashley Napier details will be email blasted...

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The BMW CCA has done it again! We can be proud of the great job our organization did. Oktoberfest 2013, Monterey, California, was exquisite; it was a really good time! It was especially fun to be there in the company of fellow Sonora Chapter members John Blezenski, Pam and Bill Ferrell, Karen and Arvey Lake, Greg Mondeau, Scott Saylor, and my lovely wife, Julia Olsen-Peterson. I remembered David Krivan and his wife Katherine, who are now part of the Sierra Chapter, around Reno, Nevada, there too. But there were also a lot of people from other chapters: about a thousand of us came for this week of BMWs at rest and in action that quickly flew by.

Some of us showed up the weekend before and enjoyed Legends of the Autobahn at the Concours de Legance and their hospitality tent overlooking the Monterey Historics Races at Laguna Seca Raceway. Greg drove his MCoupe from Tucson to Santa Barbara in one day. After overnighing at the seaside Fess Parker's DoubleTree Inn, he was good for another day of driving to Monterey. Julia and I 'chopped up' our drive out and took more than a couple days to get to the venue. Timing our arrival at Legends of the Autobahn Concours for mid-afternoon Friday, we were turned away by the rent-a-cop, who was in charge of, well, telling us that the day-long event was winding down. Yes, I could see that, but I could also discern quite a few of the cars were still on display. And so, after thanking the constable I turned around, and eventually found us a parking-spot on Carmel Valley Road. Julia needed very little persuasion to duck between the barbed wire, and so after a short stretch of the legs (pretty welcome in itself after spending most of the day on the Pacific Coast Highway 1), **we were in!** Greg's car was on display, and so were other BMWs, as well as Mercedes-Benzenes and Porsches. We walked around, gazing at the beautifully engineered works of art. The day was crisply cool and sunny. We had ended our journey for the time being and were just outside of Monterey. I really didn't feel guilty about parking along Carmel Valley Road and walking into the country club golf course venue. Why not? Well, how about 'everyone else was doing it'? The other cars that were parked along the road made up an impromptu car show themselves, so ours was in pretty good company. That excuse a little flimsy for you? How about the concourse itself had no admission fee, unless you were showing your car or having it judged in a trophy class, and/or wanted a brunch and/or luncheon at the event? I had planned on a mid-afternoon arrival, having no realistic expectation of getting there until well after the luncheon. As it was, we weren't even there for the awards presentations. And there's something so intangibly

'fun' about walking into *haute venue* events 'under the wire', especially after being told it's no use. And there were going to be more events in the week ahead, and for us, the difference was we had already paid admission to them. Combining a wonderful location for these cars, the perfect weather, the opportunity to re-connect with BMW CCA members we missed by months and miles, and I think you can appreciate how exciting it all was. Bill Farrell said that "It didn't matter what you drove...it was the most friendly, welcoming group of people..." Greg Mondeau was interviewed by the media crew, and his spot was part of the video presentation made for the Friday night banquet. Go to <http://vimeo.com/75267133> Anyone in attendance throughout the week-long festivities recognized the events and car people as the presentation scrolled on the jumbo screens. Beginning with the Legends of the Autobahn warmup the weekend before, with its car show at one country club and Friday night banquet (with complimentary Spaten beer) at another, and two days of Laguna Seca hospitality during the Monterey Historics Races, we were revved up. by Monday, the first day of Oktoberfest, for a tour of Dinan Engineering in Morgan Hill, north of Monterey. Greg made sure he was one of the first arrivals at the after-market tuning factory of BMWs. He said that Steve Dinan himself gave the tour to the his group. Steve Dinan contributed a lot to this year's Oktoberfest with a Wednesday afternoon barbeque and raffle prizes as well as the tour. Part of the registration process surprise for us was going through the papers and finding a coupon for a big Michelin logo umbrella, which we will in turn, donate as a Chapter raffle prize. We also brought back "M * Spaten" logo license plates. The Hyatt provided great locations to prep our cars for the Clean Car Contest and Concours display the next day, and we enjoyed talking with other BMW owners as I tried to get the bugs off and the carpets ready for the scrutiny yet to come. We had a nice reception Monday night, provided by the El Cajon BMW dealership, and did I mention the Spaten Beer was poured by Spaten Beer Maids? Just about every night, we had to decide between doppleboch, heifeweisen and amber lager, and the beer was poured into a complimentary half-liter glass bearing a Spaten logo of one sort or another, depending upon which brew was requested. By the end of the week, we had collected more than a few beer mugs. Thank you Spaten!!! The Car Show on Tuesday was at yet another country club, and while I consoled myself that my car cleaning efforts were helpful to the car in general, it just wasn't ready for a trophy at this event. It was *fun* getting M3 clean, even though it wouldn't trophy at this event. (continued on page 11)

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Greg posted this photo on his Facebook page. Next to the BMW CCA banners in the background, the Spaten tent, with their great brews, beckoned us in the afternoon while we got ready for dinner, at yet another country club's dining room. My work for this event began last year, but this year, my efforts were most of all concentrated on the suspension. And the reality was that there were 'too many' [?] cleaner cars there (for me to earn a trophy!). I liked the sequence of events this year: unlike past Oktoberfests' scheduling, the clean-car contests and Concours this year were held at the beginning of the week, a Tuesday, before the effects of Driving Education (GG Chapter/Laguna Seca), autocross (course & timing by the San Diego crew) and Time Speed Distance and/or Fun Rallying take their toll on the car's appearance and require cleaning, cleaning, cleaning while you ought to be having fun, fun, fun, instead. Yeah, you can say this year's Oktoberfest went by quickly!!!!!!

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In my last article, I introduced a number of Bluetooth apps and devices for monitoring car performance. I got my hands on an evaluation "Press" copy of Automatic, so this month I'm going to go through the good, bad and ugly of setup and use of this device.

I was impressed that Automatic (the company) asked for my car model and phone model to make sure everything would work correctly before they shipped the device, so I was waiting anxiously for the box to arrive so I could try it out. I had already downloaded the iPhone app from the iOS store.

Setup should have been a breeze, and for many people it is -- plug device into the car's UBD port and start up the app, and then follow the onscreen directions. . . then follow the onscreen directions. I said, then **just** follow the onscreen directions. Well, the first thing that happened was that the phone and the device didn't connect. Finally figured out (after removing and inserting the device a couple times) that the secret to success was in restarting the phone. Once I got that far, it did go fairly simply (you have to enter in the device's code number from the packaging). So now that I've been using it a few weeks, here's my take on this technology:

Automatic automatically keeps track of every trip you make and will show you a map of routes taken, distances travelled, gas mileage, and anything else you might have done that it doesn't like, such as sudden breaking, rapid accelerations, and (gasp) speeding. It uses a combination of the car's data and the smartphone's GPS and data plan to do this, and it's supposed to work on all cars made since 1996 (that has an OBD-II port). The company is very responsive and wants you to let them know what car you plan to use it in before you buy. They are also very upfront with you re: the fact that it is a work in progress, and they appear to be listening to their users (including yours truly).

The good:

- It beeps and tracks of sudden rough braking - which is not be a good thing unless avoiding accidents
- It beeps and tracks jackrabbit starts (aka rapid acceleration) - which is not good for gas mileage
- It will tell you what a "check engine" light means. Fortunately I haven't had to check this out first-hand.
- It will send a "crash alert" to whatever emails you provide it, in the event of a fender-bender (or worse) as long as the device is connected to the car and Bluetooth, and the phone continues to be connected to Bluetooth in the car also. That alert obviously won't work if you are in an area that doesn't have cell service.
- It bases gas costs on local prices so you don't have to enter the cost per gallon.
- It gives you a good profile of your driving habits
- You can find your car if you lose it - the trip map shows car location!

The bad:

- You can't enter your own data; I'm not convinced it's entering correct gas prices for our 91 octane gas
- It measures speeding, and says it's set to balance fuel conservation with safe highway speeds, and winds up with ...70 mph. **Sure, I'm going to keep it at 70 all the way to Phoenix and back (wink wink).** **There definitely is a lot of chat on their user boards about that one!**

· There are some complaints the mpg reported by the device are inaccurate

· The data available at this time is fairly limited

· The price went up from \$69 (before release), to \$100 now.

· It doesn't pick up any reporting on dash warning lights other than 'check engine'

· It only shows "Currently Driving" while you are driving. No real-time data is available

The ugly - but the company seems to be listening as they develop their product:

· Lack of ability to export to Excel or Numbers on your computer.

· Lack of real-time data - lots of users want acceleration rate, RPM, engine temp, instant MPG.

· Maintenance reminders are another topic of discussion.

· The company says you need a different device per vehicle, but some users say they are transferring between vehicles. Overall, if you are thinking about this device, then above all, realize that while the device itself is sound, the iPhone software is currently what I would call a "beta" version. It's nice and all, but not all that, well, useful at this point. However, with the speed of updates that are coming out of the company since it was released about a month ago, I have little doubt that it will be a great product in the near future.

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