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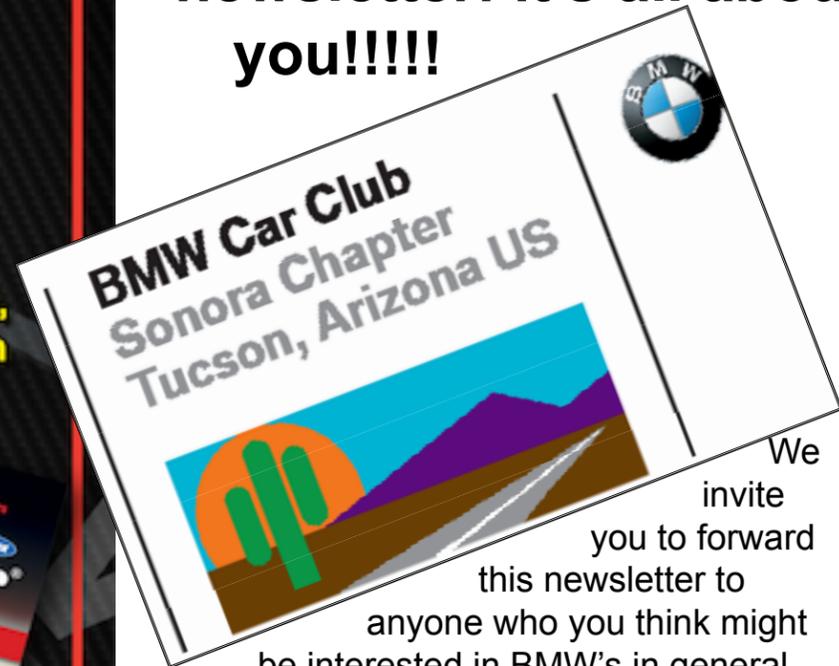
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Summer is upon us in Southern Arizona and we look to enjoy the beautiful weather before the heat forces us all indoors into the cool A/C. We have great events planned for the coming months, topped off by Oktoberfest next month in the beautiful mountain air of Beaver Creek, Colorado. I have personally been to the last two Oktoberfest's held in Colorado and they have been wonderful. The beautiful backdrop really adds to the great week of cars and fun that is to be had by all in attendance.

In this issue we will get part one of member Kai Yu's experience while doing European delivery of one of the last E92 M3's built. As you read his wonderful story, Kai and his wife Mel will be embarking on European delivery yet again, but this time in *her* new 228 Msport; I look forward to the future write-up on this trip.

Long-time club member Greg Mondeau just returned from a national conference convened in Spartanburg, South Carolina, representing not only the Sonora Chapter but the entire Pacific region. The purpose of this conference was to brainstorm on how to move the club we love into the future. On a local level, as always, I love to hear any comments or ideas you may have to make our club better for you and our members, so let me hear them. I hope everyone stays cool during our HOT summer months and comes out to enjoy the great events we have planned. Remember to keep the shiny side up and enjoy life in

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- Hotels must have parking!
- Must visit BMW Welt, BMW Museum, & BMW Factory tour!
- Must drive through the Swiss Alps!
- Must take my new M3 on the Nurburgring!

We arrive in Munich at 12:55pm. My wife and I were surprised at how welcome the Germans make you feel when you get off the plane. They hand you a chocolate bar and there is a self-serve coffee/espresso bar. We were impressed by how clean the coffee/espresso area was with all of these people helping themselves. After helping ourselves to a couple of cappuccinos (at this point I had been up for 24hrs with 2hrs of sleep the night before), we set off to grab our luggage and meet Rolf Raffelsieper, who we hired to pick us up. <rolf.pickupservice@yahoo.de> He was highly recommended on the bimmerfest and M3post forums. Rolf greeted us at the terminal and we walked to his 3 series touring. For less than the price of a Taxi to our hotel; Rolf drove us to the hotel, waited for us to check in, then sat down with us at the lobby to give us tour suggestions and answered our questions. He then drove us to BMW Welt. Rolf was very friendly and passionate about BMW and Germany. We found his tips quite helpful. He talks a little bit softly so you have to pay attention to hear him and he moves a bit slow, but the guy is about 70 years old! Overall, we thought he was great.

We spent the rest of the day exploring the BMW Museum and Welt. The museum was quite busy and it was pretty cool to see all of the generations of the BMW. It took us about an hour to get through the museum. We did a quick walk through of Welt before heading off to dinner.

Afterwards, we went to Hofbrauhaus for dinner. We had read that this restaurant was mostly a tourist spot and that the food wasn't that great. We found this to be true, but being tourists, we figured it would be nice to see what all the hoopla was about. The food wasn't the best we had during the trip, but it was decent. We ordered a couple of beers and they were enjoyable. There were people dressed up in traditional German clothing playing music. The atmosphere was great and the place was absolutely packed. There is no hostess to seat you, and it took us awhile to find a spot to sit down. The restaurant was crazy busy and the service was quite slow.

We got really lucky with our hotel in Munich. Using our Starwood Preferred Guest #, we were able to book a room at the Westin Grand Munich for 99 euros a night. While parking is available at this hotel, there is a



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charge of 20 euros/day. We were strategic and only parked the car here for one night and left the car at Welt the first night after delivery, as there is no charge to park there. Our hotel was also located about a 2 minute walk away from the subway station.

Delivery Day! The delivery time was set for 1pm with a check-in time of no later than 11am. We arrived at the Welt much earlier than 11am to have breakfast and check-in. During the check-in process, we talked about coming back to Welt the next day for the factory tour. To our surprise, they moved up our delivery time to 10am so that we would be able to make the only English tour of the day at 11:45am. This freed up more time for us to explore Munich the next day. The BMW Premium lounge is quite nice. There is complimentary Wi-Fi, iPads and computers for your use. Food and beverages are also provided throughout the day. The food is not bad, and it's free. We then proceeded to the factory tour. They do not allow pictures inside, but it was a really cool tour, about 2.5 hours long. After the factory tour, we decided to grab lunch back at the BMW Premium lounge.



After lunch, we decided to take a walk through the Olympic Park-where the 1972 Olympics took place. The park is located within walking distance of BMW Welt. It is nice to walk through the park, but it was much smaller than we expected. The Olympic swimming pool is still being used today and is open to the public. We then proceeded to go the Englishchener Garden. We knew that there was a part of the Englishchener Garden where people go surfing. However, it took us awhile to find it. Once we did, it was pretty cool to watch the surfers. Most of them were pretty good, and it was interesting to see that people could surf in such a narrow canal with waves. I would recommend seeing this if you are in the area.



First thing in the morning, we took the subway to the Residenz, and bought tickets to tour both the palace and the treasury. A hand held audio guide is provided, so you can tour the museum at your own pace. The treasury was pretty interesting with crowns, jewelry, swords, and all sorts of artifacts from the Bavarian palace. We then headed over to the palace part with our audio guides. Initially, we were quite entertained as many of the rooms are beautiful with hand crafted furniture and paintings on the wall. However,

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7th Mt. Lemmon Picnic plan to bring a side-dish or dessert to share, the chapter will provide Fortunato's Deli sandwiches and soft-drinks. The Event coordinator is Chet Kingsbury. rsvp to: events@bmwccasonora.org or phone evenings (520)579-2034.

June 12th 2nd Thursday Dinner "Mama Louisa's" on Craycroft, 6:30pm. rsvp to Bob Kundert email: rkundert@hotmail.com

June 16th- 20th 45th BMW CCA Oktoberfest is near Beaver Creek, Colorado Registration is open @ www.bmwcca.org

July 10th 2nd Thursday - Cody's Beef & Beans rsvp Beth Ritterbusch: ritterbb@email.arizona.edu

August 9th Arizona Sonora Desert Museum evening tour (Summer evening admission is \$5)

August 14th 2nd Thursday Dinner - Mr. Ans Ashley Napier

September 11th 2nd Thursday Dinner "Fuddruckers"

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October 4th- Art in the Park & German Restaurant Lunch Sierra Vista, Arizona Ross Lampert

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the palace is so large, that the rooms start to look the same after a while. The highlight of the palace is the last room, which is called the gold room. It is truly a beautiful room decked out in gold. It truly makes you think about how rich Bavarian royalty once was, and how parts of the kingdom once lived in poverty. It took us an hour to tour the palace.

If you are not that interested in seeing old artifacts, I would recommend only visiting the palace. If you are interested in Bavarian history, though, I would allocate more time to this area as there are many other rooms you can pay to visit.

We drove from BMW Welt to Dachau Memorial, which is one of the first Nazi concentration camps used. The drive to Dachau was fairly easy and took us about 30 minutes. There is no fee to tour the memorial. There is quite a bit of walking involved as the grounds are quite large. We found the memorial and museum to be quite interesting and very powerful. You will see the barracks where the prisoners were once kept, as well as the gas chamber and furnaces that were once used.

After the memorial, we drove back to the hotel, parked our car and walked through the nearby Englishchener Garden. The first place we went there was the Chinese Pagoda. There is a fairly large beer garden next to the pagoda and a small restaurant. We got there in the evening and were somewhat disappointed to see that the pagoda was locked up and so we couldn't climb to the top. The hotel did recommend a restaurant in the Garden by the lake, called Seehaus. We decided to go there for dinner, and the restaurant was very nice; we got a table by the window with a view of the lake. It was the best German food we had tasted since we had been in the country. Service was great-we really didn't know what we wanted and they were friendly and able to give us some great recommendations. We also noticed that there was a large dog at dinner at a table close to ours. The wait staff brought out a doggie bowl of water. We noticed dogs in many restaurants throughout Germany. Obviously, there aren't any health codes prohibiting them and all the restaurants we saw dogs in were very clean.,

We woke up early in the morning to drive to Salzburg, Austria. The drive there wasn't bad as we took the autobahn. Many people were flying on the highway, but I couldn't go over 100 mph as my car hadn't yet been worn in. It took us less than 2 hours to arrive in Salzburg. I was warned to be careful with speed limits in Austria, as they are much stricter than Germany. I definitely didn't want to get a ticket and pay a huge fine while on vacation. We were again lucky: we arrived in Salzburg May 1, which is a holiday, and parking was free that day.

We arrived early in the morning, checked into our hotel and decided to have breakfast. Food in Austria is more expensive than food in Germany. We had a nice breakfast at Heart of Joy Cafe, which serves mostly organic food. I also tried a Mozart coffee, which was basically sweetened hot coffee with caramel. It was served with what is called a mozartkugel, a round ball of chocolate. Because Mozart was born in Salzburg, these are famous foods in the city.



After breakfast, we joined "The Sounds of Music" Bike Tour that my wife reserved. It was about a 4 hour tour by bike and a great way to see the city of Salzburg. The guide points out scenic spots from the movie and talks about the history of Salzburg. The tour guide also takes pictures of you throughout the tour and posts them on Facebook for everyone to enjoy!

After lunch, we decided to go visit the Hohensalzburg Fortress. We walked: Old Salzburg is really not car-friendly. Many areas are pedestrian only. To get to the fortress we walked through streets with tons

of shops. We had read that the climb to the fortress really isn't as hard as it looks, but as we were tired from the bike tour earlier, we opted to pay for the cable car to take us up. The museum tour was short and informative, and the best part of the fortress is the breathtaking view you get of the city. Salzburg really is a beautiful city and we got some great pictures. There is also a restaurant at the fortress. The next day we headed to Werfen, the largest ice cavern in the world. It took us less than an hour to drive there. It is pretty high up in the mountains and your drive through some winding roads. Once again, I wished my car had been worn in. After getting off the cable car, there is another 20 minute hike uphill to get to the opening of the cave. Tip: the temperature inside the cave is cold, so dress warmly. The cave tour lasted about an hour and the guide gave the tour in both English and German. The ice cave was quite beautiful and unlike anything we have seen before. However, once inside the cave, you have to climb up over 700 steps to tour it. Some steps are quite steep. No photos are allowed in the cave. Bottom line, if you are fit, this is a great place to visit, as the caves are beautiful and the hike up is gorgeous as well.

We didn't have much time for lunch as we wanted to get to the salt mine. We drove from Werfen to the salt mine area in about 30 minutes. Salzburg is a city whose history and wealth is due to salt, so we thought it would be appropriate to visit a salt mine. I parked my car and later noticed a large school bus pull in a bunch of boys gathered around to check out the car. The salt mine tour was interesting. They make you put on a white coat and pants and take you underground into the mine. The guide and videos were quite informative and there are some cool slides, which were used by the miners to help them transport salt. However, today tourists can use them to slide down. **There is also a underground point in the mine where you can stand in both Germany and Austria.** Overall, we enjoyed this tour.



First Car Wash: Of course I had to keep my car clean. We left Salzburg in the morning and drove towards Wattens, a small town in Austria near Innsbruck, where the Swarovski museum(Kristallwelten) and factory are located.After dinner, I decided to wash the car again. It had been raining on and off throughout the day. I wanted to make sure the car looked nice for photos the next day in the Swiss Alps.

For our one night in Innsbruck, we chose to stay at Hotel Europa, a very nice luxury hotel, where many celebrities and royalty have stayed. Apparently Bavaria's King Ludwig II, builder of Neuschwanstein Castle, stated "This is the most beautiful place in Innsbruck to celebrate festive events."

The rooms were very clean and spacious and the service is extremely attentive. We were surprised to see a walk in closet in our room. Wifi and breakfast are also included at this hotel. Parking is also very convenient at this hotel, although there is a charge, about 16-20 euros. We had read some reviews online that some people didn't feel like this hotel was in a safe area because it was downtown and close to the main train station, but we found it to be fine. We really enjoyed this hotel and would recommend it to anyone. This was the best hotel breakfast we had while we were in Europe. Unlike the other hotels where we had breakfast, this one had a much larger selection of food besides the usual cold cuts and cheeses. This one had American eggs, bacon, and sausage, as well as a small section for Asian breakfast items. We did notice a diverse group of tourists in the morning at breakfast and the hotel obviously knows how to cater to all of them. During breakfast, we also had soft boiled eggs, which we later found to be quite popular in Europe, although not every restaurant made them as good as the Hotel Europa. Service during breakfast was also impeccable, truly "white glove." It basically took us all day to get to Lake Como. We probably left around 8:30 am and arrived ~4pm. I took the scenic, fun route, wanting to drive through as many switchbacks as possible. It was a ton of fun, although my car still wasn't fully worn in, I had to keep the rpm low and I couldn't go as fast as I wanted. The Alps are amazingly beautiful and we got some great photos. At the

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bottom of the Alps, the weather is fairly warm, but as you get to the top, they are covered in snow. We have a great picture of us in our flip-flops with the car and the snow-covered peaks in the background. This is probably one of our favorite photos we took on the entire trip. We stopped for lunch in a small town in Switzerland called Andermatt. We wanted to get to Como so we stopped at a restaurant right next to a gas station. It was clean and while the two ladies didn't speak great English, they really tried to help us figure out what we wanted to eat. The hamburger we had here was really good and you could taste that the ground beef was very fresh. It was nice, and although the national Swiss currency is the Swiss franc, they accepted our euros. Once we got near Italy, the driving became a bit more confusing, because the streets change names and curve every which way. While it was tough to navigate, the last hour of our drive was beautiful. Como is definitely not a car friendly city as the streets are very narrow and parking is extremely difficult.



After arriving at the hotel, we did not take our car out the entire time. After checking into the hotel, we set out to have dinner and figure out where to buy ferry tickets for the next day. Very close to the ticket booth, we found a restaurant, Belle Isole, where we sat outside with pasta, ravioli, a good local wine and a view of the lake and Bellagio on the other side. This hotel was a nice surprise. We got a great deal on this hotel on Expedia.com and did not expect the rooms to be as big as they were. Our room was decorated in an old Victorian style with dual sinks, a sitting area, and outdoor balcony area overlooking the lake. We also had a traditional bath tub right next to the bed. While the building was older, the rooms were very clean and luxurious. It was also nice because parking was free here. Breakfast was also included. We bought an all-day ferry pass and set off to explore the different small towns along the lake. We got off at Lenno and took the hike up to Villa Balbianello. There is also a small speedboat you can take for about 5 euros each way. We found the hike to be nice and the trail was beautiful. It wasn't too tough of a hike,

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although most of it was uphill. The villa was absolutely beautiful and we got some amazing photos. It was cool to see that part of Casino Royale was filmed there, although it didn't look like it did in the movie. We would recommend visiting this villa if you are in Como. We then got back onto the ferry and left Lenno to get off at Varenna. This was a fairly small town. We then took the ferry to Mennagio, which was a much larger town. We enjoyed walking around and there were a lot of cars driving around honking their horns--it seemed like a soccer game had just been won and people were out in the streets celebrating. Now, finally time for the famous Bellagio. We took the ferry here and it was beautiful. We



walked around the shops and found the restaurant called Bilacus, which the owner of Belle Isole had recommended. We sat outside on the patio and enjoyed a lovely bottle of wine and some great Italian food. The service here was great and we found this to be a great way to end a fantastic day exploring the towns of Como. Overall, we would recommend this restaurant to others as well as recommend that you spend the day exploring on the ferry. My wife wanted to take a day trip to Milan and do some shopping. I decided to forgo my day trip to the Ferrari factory so that she could go to Milan. We learned that the easiest way to get to Milan was to take the ferry from Tremezzo (the next town over from Cadenabbia, within walking distance) to Como, then from Como to take the train to Milan. Again, these schedules were very confusing and there were multiple Milan stops and we had to constantly keep asking people where to get off to do some shopping. Between the ferry and the train, it took us almost 2 hours to get to Milan. We got off at the main Milan train station, where we had to pay to use the restrooms. This was the first time we had to pay for restrooms in Europe and found these to be the dirtiest public restrooms we had used. Once we left the train station and asked for direction to head toward the oldest mall in the world, Emmanuel Vittoria, we immediately noticed that Milan was much dirtier than the cities we visited in Germany and Austria. The architecture throughout the city was beautiful. My wife's first order of business was to buy a Prada bag, and by the way, there were about 6 Prada stores all within walking distance in Milan. We have been to major shopping districts such as Rodeo Drive, Fifth Avenue in New York City, and Hong Kong. Milan put all of those cities to shame. My wife had a great time in the Prada store, where they gave her great service and she was able to find a bag she liked. **FYI--because of the tax refund possibility for tourists, it is cheaper to buy a Prada in Italy than it is in the US.**

After Prada, it was my turn to shop. I headed to the largest Armani store in the world and bought some stuff for myself.

Editor's note: as you can see, we are almost out of space, but Mr. Kai is not at loss for words, or photos. The second segment of this European Delivery adventure will appear in the next quarter's newsletter, where this story picks up with Kai Yu's M3, by now sufficiently worn-in, running the Nurburgring! And, as this newsletter is going to print, the 45th Oktoberfest of BMW CCA features a raffle-drawing grand prize M4, with European Delivery, airfare and hotel accomodations included...

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Spark-plug socket	G-Analyst
oil-cartridge remover	Dwell/timing light
windshield trim applicator	tie-rod puller
lazer-pointer thermometer	O ₂ sensor tester
fan clutch tools	2.6mm x 50mmbolts
Service interval reset tool	Haynes & Chilton manuals

Not long ago and not so far away, I thought I was done with any discussion of *on-board computer/on-board diagnostic* (OBC/OBD) Devices. Tired of the topic, I wanted to venture into new technology fields! But that was before our resident young adult driver was involved in a bit of a fender-bender. When the Dad of said young adult driver received communication from the auto insurance company regarding increased insurance costs, which were a result of the fender-bender, the very helpful insurance agent offered an alternative to the higher cost of insurance. Hmm...parent pays more or the child's driving gets monitored... Seems like a no-brainer to me! Which got me to thinking... As mentioned above, at least one insurance company offers a device similar to "Drivewise" from Allstate, which makes sure the young adult driver is not on the road in the wee hours of the morning (*monitors and documents driving after 1am*), is driving within the speed limit (*less than 85mph*), and does not engage in rapid braking (*again, simply monitors and documents examples of hard braking*). According to Allstate, *their insurance premiums won't go up as a result of such documented episodes, if they occur; and in the absence of such driving behavior over specified intervals, Allstate may provide a further discount of the premium cost. The device simply plugs into the OBDII port used to monitor the engine performance, and with additional logging-in to a secure ON-LINE account, provides a log of the driving behaviors described previously.* An Internet search offered up a whole new world of these tracking devices for parents – some via insurance coverage and some via separate companies which offer devices and subscriptions. One online service (and probably others) sends a dashboard accounting to the parent every week and they also host a website to access all reports, including location and trip history with maps, but most use simple email/text to alert the parent along with a similar online service for parent access. If you have a teenage/young adult driver on your insurance, you might want to check out <https://www.safeteendivingclub.org> for a start.

WANT ADS

For sale:

Sears wet/dry shop vacuum new 6.5 hp \$80
e39 M5 Air filters Mahle LX 408 & Fram CA7246
\$3 apiece e39 cabin filter BoschP3682 \$7
Transmission filter 4H22 for \$5 e30 pwr antenna \$50
Also: original tools for e23,e30,e32 & e34
Charles Davis (520)488-2030

For Sale: 1998 M3 Convertible 5spd manual,
78k miles, well-maintained, clean CarFax, nice
wind-screen, always garaged. \$10,000 Bob Burch
bburch@diamondbackfire.com (951)757-5620



FOR SALE: Pair of OEM Kidney Grills for a
2006 325i, asking \$20. Pair of OEM Tailights for same,
asking \$75. If interested, please call
Dave (360)649-0110 or email
davem27@hotmail.com

For Sale: 1991 e34 M5 with 176,000 miles
asking price \$10,000 Bob Cometta
email bcometta@live.com
or call (520)245-8720



2013 Sonora Chapter Financial Statement

Submitted by Joseph Davis on 02/23/2014

Assets

Cash In Bank Accounts	7425. ³⁵
Inventory	104. ⁰⁰
Equipment	100. ⁰⁰
Accounts Receivable	0
Prepaid Expenses/Deposits	0
Other	0
Total Assets	7629.³⁵

Liabilities & Equity

Equity/Retained Earnings	\$7,629. ³⁵
Total Liabilities/Equity	\$7,629. ³⁵

Newsletter Costs	1050. ⁷¹
Postage	229. ⁰⁰
Insurance	0
Driving School Expenses	0
Autocross Expenses	0
Meeting Expenses	863. ⁹⁸
Other Event Expenses	4621. ³¹
Telephone Expenses	0
Misc./Other	768. ⁷⁰
Total Expenses	7533.⁷⁰
Net Income (Loss)	(1344.⁰⁰)

Income

Rebates from National	3050. ⁰²
Advertising Revenue	1350. ⁰⁰
Driving School Fees	0
Autocross Fees	0
Other Event Fees	1764. ⁰⁰
Merchandise Sales	25. ⁰⁰
Interest	0
Misc./Other	0
Total Income	6189.⁰²

Misc./Other Expenses

Charity Donation \$150	Arizona Corp. Fee \$10
Website \$608. ⁷⁰	Total Misc./Other Expenses: \$768.⁷⁰

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