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Sweethearts... Celebrating their 'Day'

A small (but intimate.?) group met at Visalia's Vintage Press Restaurant just ahead of Cupid's special holiday.

There were plenty of Cupid's 'arrows' flying around the room as games were played testing the amorous adventures of each couple. Marilyn Willers games

were well received and proved to be a highlight of the day... Oh not to mention the food... certainly no complaints about the service, atmospheres and cuisine... "top notch" any way you look at it.

Look forward to next year and join us if you can!

Oktoberfest 2013

Don't miss out on this one. In what will likely be the most popular West coast edition of our annual National 'gathering' please make plans to attend this one! As of this writing there are at least 800 participants and more are registering every day. When you couple O'fest with this year's Legends of the Autobahn and Festories there are a weeks worth of BMW activities... something for everyone! Go to bmwccaofest.org to register. Don't delay!



Rick's Ramblings....

I miss turn signals. Yes, I know that cars still have them it is just that not many people seem to use them anymore. When you activate your turn signal the driver behind you is often perplexed as to the meaning of the blinking lights in front of him. I like the ones on the Mustang that are sequential the best (For the record, the fetching Mrs. Kapheim does not like these!).

I miss new car brochures. Yes, some dealers still carry them, but more and more you have to download them on to your computer. This is not always the progress that it seems. Good brochures (BMW for example) let you see at a glance what options and features go with each trim level. You do not have to go to sub-directions to note obscure exceptions to the option system.

I miss hydraulic power steering. I am lucky that the cars in our fleet all have this, but most of the cars that I test drive these days do not. While some are better than others, I am afraid that we will settle for steering that is substandard as to what we have used all these years. Let us hope that they get this one right!

Sometimes the good guy wins. Tom Bell has won the Glenn Lucas Memorial Trophy (The first one!). As noted in the Roundel this award goes to the "racer who best represents the spirit and philosophy of Club Racing, on and off the track." This was a great choice. Anyone who has seen Tom at the race track will attest to his grace, good humor, and helpful attitude. Tom is the type of guy that will give you the shirt off of his back while offering you one of his trademark popsicles. I remember from years before when Tom would autocross his Z-3 at a blistering speed all the while listening to the Beach Boys blaring out of his speakers. Of course Tom would always have a big grin on his face while he was burning up the track. Tom's can-do attitude is infectious and makes you want to have fun with your car, which is the point of a car club. I have heard that Tom may participate in the autocross at the Octoberfest this year. I was not planning on going to the Octoberfest, but I may go over to see Tom do his magic. While there is no stereo in his car anymore I for one will still hear the music. I know for sure that the grin will be there.

Comment from Rick: I think that board members should come to most (Not all) of the regular meetings. Yes, the meet and greet affairs are classified as meetings in the Rick Kapheim universe. If for no other reason I just want to see these guys as all of them are my friends. This comment is made with the best of motives and good cheer.

As always drive safe, but just drive!



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Come to the meetings!
Add to the fun!

Where have you been?

We have exciting things happening in 2013! We welcome you to our club! Whether you are one of the original members involved for 25-plus years or a newbie, thank you for your participation! You are reading our newsletter, The Das Rad, and we want to keep you interested and involved! Our club is not a club without members like you, so we want to meet you and hear from you! Drop me an email or give me a call or even better yet, come and join our events.

In this Das Rad, we have listed several activities, guaranteed to suit all interested and all budgets (as long as they are BMW related)! If there is something you don't see but would like to do, we would also love to hear about it!

Please check us out on our new Website, www.cccbwmwcca.org and like us on Facebook and Twitter.

Also, have you made plans to attend Legends of the Autobahn (August 16), historic races (August 17-18) and Oktoberfest (August 19-24)? This week in Monterey will be one of the best ever! Hope to see you soon,

Deb Warner

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Monthly meet and Greet!

June 5, 2013

NEW MEETING PLACE

Sequoia Brewing Co

1188 E Champlain Dr, Suite 107

Dinner at 5:30PM / Meet and Greet at 6:30 PM Separate checks, private room for us. Meet other BMW enthusiasts, bring your friends and your BMW Have dinner and conversation and 'kick some tires'. Discuss current BMW trends, activities and club events. See you there!



We are on Facebook!

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Sequoia Park Day Trip

There is nothing lovelier than a tree...

Not just any tree, but Giant Sequoias surrounded by friends and BMW's! On April 20 we met a group of Central CA BMW enthusiasts at Bear Mountain Pizza and had a perfect day for a perfect drive. We headed up Highway 180, one of the best driving roads in the world, to Sequoia National Park! The weather was perfect for windows and convertible tops down! As we wound through the curvy roads and chatted on the radios, someone said, what is so special about another tree? When we stopped at The Lost Grove, that opinion was changed forever. The sheer grandeur of these trees was breath taking, and the solitude that we were allowed was nothing short of heavenly. If you have never taken this drive, put it on your list of must drives! Want to hear more? Come to our Meet and Greet and ask us! We hope you will join us on our next drive...

2013 Legends of the Autobahn

Make your plans to attend the 2013 Legends event in Monterey. This year's event will be the best ever. Porsche will be celebrating the 911, Mercedes will feature the 280sl 'Pagoda' and 600 and this will be the first year that Audi will have judged cars in the Concur.

BMW will be featuring some 'surprise' special display cars and of course, the Central California Chapter will be there 'en masse' to facilitate and host the 'spectacle'.

Please join us, even if its just for the day. You will have the time of your lives. For additional info visit www.legendsoftheautobahn.org

See you there!

BMW Team RLL Finishes 1-2 at Long Beach!



Z4 GTE wins in only second race of debut season.

Woodcliff Lake, N.J. – April 20, 2013 . . . The streets of Long Beach, California continue to be the favorite stomping grounds of BMW Team RLL as they finished 1-2 in today's American Le Mans at Long Beach race. In only the second race for the new BMW Z4 GTE, the team beat a very competitive GT class field with excellent strategy set in place during the first hour of the two-hour contest around the 1.968-mile, 11-turn temporary street circuit. BMW Team RLL has finished with at least one car on the Long Beach podium, including a win from the pole in 2011, for five consecutive years. Today's victory puts BMW in a tie with Chevrolet at the top of the GT Class Manufacturer points. The win was also the first for the new BMW-Michelin partnership.

Bill Auberlen and Maxime Martin, driving the Frozen Black No. 55 Z4 GTE, won the race, finishing 6.578 seconds ahead of the No. 56 Z4 GTE of Joey Hand and Dirk Müller.

Martin started in the No. 55 car from the fourth spot. A spin on lap two dropped him to the rear of the field, but the first of three long caution periods in the first hour of the race gave the 55 crew the chance to reverse their fortune. Pitting Martin after 25 minutes, on lap 16, Auberlen got behind the wheel with a full tank of fuel and new Michelins. During the second caution period Auberlen pitted twice more for fuel only. When the race went green with 44 minutes run, the die was cast for the veteran to not return to the pits for the remainder of the race. A third caution during which the rest of field pitted allowed for a bit more breathing room for fuel conservation and Auberlen to cycle to the second position as the race went green just past the first hour. On lap 66 with 15 minutes left in the race, Auberlen took the lead and drove to his first win at the Long Beach.

The No. 56 Z4 GTE had an equally exciting race. Hand started the car from the seventh starting position. He pitted during the third caution period and handed the car to Müller who began his stint from the third spot as the race went green. Charging for the entire second hour he took over second place with two laps remaining to give BMW Team RLL its first 1-2 finish since the 12 Hours of Sebring in 2011



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2013 Calendar

May 19	Auto-cross at Visalia Airport (Don't miss this!)
June 5	Meet and Greet (New Location!) Sequoia Brewing Co Dinner 5:30 / Meet-greet 6:30 (details on 'back' page)
June 7	Driving School at Buttonwillow
July 3	Meet and Greet
August 7	Meet and Greet
August 16	Legends of the Autobahn Monterey
August 17-18	Festorics, Laguna Seca
August 19-24	BMW CCA Oktoberfest, Monterey
September 7	Street Survival School Fresno Fairgrounds.

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Sunday, May 19, 2013
Visalia Airport
(Southwest side, by SPCA)
\$30 entry fee
Registration at 8:00 AM
Practice begins at 9:00 AM
Timed runs start after lunch
Event ends at 3:00 PM

An autocross is a driving event, timed against the clock on a closed course with slalom-type curves and short straight sections that test the driver's cornering skills. The event is open to all cars and drivers with valid driver's licenses. Although any street legal car may enter, certain rules will have to be followed. Seatbelts (factory are ok) and helmets are required. There will be loaner helmets available. Cars will be checked out before they run. Convertibles will be allowed subject to certain requirements, i.e. factory roll-over protection.

Wish Upon A Star is a non-profit law enforcement effort designed to grant the wishes of children afflicted with high-risk and life threatening illnesses. Their services are available to children throughout the state of California, ages 3 through 18 years. They have granted over 1900 wishes in their 30 years of service. (www.wishuponastar.org)

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