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2012 Runoff Autocross

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The President's Column

Happy August San Diego BMWCCA Members!!!

It is hard to believe that it is August already! It seems like only yesterday it was spring time and I was getting ready for Bimmerfest. Maybe it's hard to believe because our club has been so busy that time just flew by?! Should that be the case, I will not argue... Our club has been busy but it's a good busy! We are so lucky to have such a passionate team of volunteers. Without these extraordinary key people, our club would not be what it is today. Thinking about it now, I cannot single out anyone exclusively. We all work hard and well enough as a team to make our club move like a well-oiled machine. Since 2007, when I became a full-time noobie of the club, there has been a big jump in the participation of those who enjoy the more social and casual driving aspects of our club. We are fortunate to be in an area with the privileges we have to be a driving dominated club. We can get our Autocross fix multiple times a year and we are not far from a race track to get our track fix either. But only until a little over a year ago, we we're not doing many rallies and we did not have as many Meet n' Greets either. Luckily for our club, we are blessed to have such amazing volunteers and we have drastically improved on both of those activities. So much improvement, that we are flattered to see the number of participants at the event. If you're one of those who are a new member or have been a member for years but has never come to an event before, please come to an event! We want you there!

Our busy club has a lot going on this month. If you didn't make Baseball night or the Sunday FUNday Autocross, and you're not planning on being in Monterey, there is a joint Porsche Club and BMW Club tech session at Phil Theale's Autowerks on August 18th. Starting at 10:00am, Autowerks will demonstrate the theoretical and practical aspects of structural unibody repair and alignment. Autowerks will also be available to answer any questions regarding body repair, refinishing, and some of the do's and don'ts of car care. Light refreshments will be provided. Prior to the Tech Session join club members at a Cars and Coffee get together from 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM at Bad Ass Coffee, 9878 Carmel Mountain Rd. in Rancho Penasquitos to enjoy the good fellowship of club members and their cars. At 9:00 AM we will drive to Autowerks in Santee for the Tech Session. Indicate your participation on our Facebook event page. On Sunday August 26th, we will be having a photo rally, put on by aspiring photographer Paul Silver. No information has been released about this rally yet, all I know is that you will need a navigator and a camera. Sounds like fun!

I would like to extend a personal invitation for you and your friends to come by and check out our monthly board meeting (the 2nd Tuesday of every month) at Giovanni's Pizza on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. The meeting starts at 6:30pm but I recommend coming around 5:45 for free pizza and socializing with other club members and guests.

—Nick

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Please send us your stories, tech. tips, photos, etc. We welcome and encourage any material you think would be informative or interesting to other members. All information should be submitted to the editor directly. Preferred format is e-mail. The deadline for submitting information to the editor is the 15th of each month.

2012 Calendar of Events

August 4

San Diego Chapter – Padres vs. New York Mets; Petco Park, 5:35

August 5

San Diego Chapter – FUNday Autocross at Qualcomm Stadium, West Lot

August 14

San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting. The board meeting is open to all chapter members

August 17 – 19

BMW CCA Regional Events – BMW CCA Corral at Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, Laguna Seca; see festorics.org. Plus: Legends of the Autobahn Concours, Carmel Valley; see legendsoftheautobahn.org

August 18

San Diego Chapter with Porsche Club – Tech Session at Phil Thearle's Autowerks; 8809 Mission Gorge Road Santee, CA. 10:00 A.M.

August 26

San Diego Chapter – Photo Rally & Driving Tour; from All German Auto, 1327 Simpson Way, Escondido. 9:00 A.M.

September 9

San Diego Chapter – Autocross at Qualcomm Stadium, Southeast Lot

September 11

San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting. The board meeting is open to all chapter members

September 17 – 23

BMW CCA National Event – 43rd Annual BMW CCA Oktoberfest; Columbus, OH

September 22 – 22

Coronado Speed Festival; info at fleetweeksandiego.org

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New Club Members Welcome!

Bdzil, Tomas	
Bedel, Dane	1997 E39 540i/6
Bogy, Adam	
Bronson, Chris	
Carpenter, Eric	1992 735i; 2001 Audi A4
Chotiner, David	2006 550; 2007 328
Coatney, Sam	2007 E90 335i
Dowlatabadi, Ron	1995 525i
Ellis, Jason	
Erwin, Kathleen	
Feher, Akos	
Hendershaw, James	
Hensley, Logan	
Hoang, Harold	2006 530xi
Hoffmann, Mathieu	
Howes, Jeff	
Jenkins, Nikilo	1999 323i
La Chappa, David	
Lewis, Hal	
Litvak, Andrei	2002 X5
Losey, Brandon	
Powers, Jack	2000 E39 540i
Prager, Ronald	2001 325i 1994 530i
Pranica, Patrick	2002 X5 1997 740i
Puglia, Frank	2001 530i
Raisi, Kassra	
Saenz, Nury	
Singley, Michael	2002 330ci
Veinbergs, Bernard	1972 2002
Williams, Harold	
Williams, Jamie	1995 318i
Williams, Ian	2004 X5
Wong, Wailun	2008 335i
Yorba, Robert	

San Diego Chapter Monthly Board Meeting

Giovanni's Italian Restaurant,
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6:00 P.M. – Pizza & soft drinks

6:30 P.M. – Meeting

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BMW CCA San Diego Chapter – Board Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2012

Board Members Present

Nick Owen, Brett Litoff, Lisa Goehring, Andre Pantic, Tom Fota, Rich Gehring, Kim Dais, Don Duncan, Dan Tackett, Dennis Damon, Thejusvi Ganesh, Jim Lloyd, Scott Sansom, Kim Schwarz

Members Present:

Jojo Gonzales, Pete Engels, Paul Silver, Ed Havrilla, Bill Woolard, Jose Padilla, James Eberhardt, Steve Robbins, Jim Binford, Satakal Khalsa, Boots Cuatico, Mike Turpen, Chris Woods, Kim Woods, Seth Hanson, Tom Newport

Secretary's Report:

The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Duncan reported that our treasury is strong and that we continue to be able to fund our obligations.

President's Report:

Nick Owen reported we are not participating in the Roof Top Luxury event.

Vice President's Report:

Kim Dais reported that we have 1562 current members in our chapter. Kim also stated that she is in the process of making a new welcome letter for new members.

Webmaster's Report:

Tom Fota reported that he is looking at new e-mail programs with the communications committee. Tom reported that he is looking at a few companies like Constant Contact and Mail Chimp to provide service for our club. The cost for Mail Chimp would be about 306 dollars for the year. The board motioned to let the communications committee spend up to 350 dollars for an email service.

Newsletter Report:

Lisa Goehring stated that the deadline for the next issue is July 15th.

Autocross Director's Report:

Dan Tackett reported that the Qualcomm dates have been set for the second half of the year. Dan stated that the Porsche club would like to trade an autocross date with us. We offered to reschedule to July 28 and give them August 5th (later became unnecessary). Dan also stated that SoCal Euro will have their event on November 17th. He and others will be unable to attend due to the US Grand Prix, but we can do our car control clinic concurrently if we have an organizer and enough volunteers.

Our next autocross is July 1st and BMW of South County will be doing a Bratwurst BBQ for the lunch.

Driving Events:

Ed Havrilla asked if we could do another driving school this year. Andre Pantic stated it probably won't happen in the near future.

Social/Advertising Director's Report:

Paul Silver stated that there will be a Meet and Greet on July 11th at Green Flash Brewery.

Nick Owen stated there will be a Meet and Greet at BMW of Murrieta at the beginning of August.

Jim Lloyd reported that there is a cruise scheduled for July 15th.

Paul Silver stated that there will be a photo rally on August 26th.

Jim Binford stated that there will be a tire tech session at C2 motorsports with Porsche Club on June 20th and on August 18th we will be doing Cars and Coffee with the Porsche club at Phil Thearle's Autowerks.

Waxmeister:

Dennis Damon stated that we need a representative on the San Diego Greater Car Club Council.

Dennis provided a briefing on the car show. There was a motion that the club donate 3000 dollars to United Ostomy Foundation as a result of the event and it was approved.

Lon reported more about the SoCal Euro meet. There will be a 10 dollar fee this year per car entrance.

New Business:

Ganesh asked that we have name tags for more members including frequent volunteers and current/past board members.

Kim Schwarz asked that we have a donations committee for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

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Oceanside Motorsports 2nd Anniversary



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The event really kicked up a notch when everyone headed over for lunch after finishing up the tour of HRE Wheels that was scheduled that morning. Matt Kogan was on hand giving out rides in an awesome bright orange Caterham. Nate Risch was there representing Michelin Tires, answering questions

and handing out stickers. And on display were a couple of amazingly clean E30's, a super-charged VW GTi R32 on nitrous, a Beemer (the 2 wheel variety) S 1000 RR, and great customer cars from a E30 M3's to new Z4's.

Neil had originally bought 200 hot dogs and hamburgers, and by the looks of it at the end of the day, there wasn't much left. A great day was had by all, and everyone was very happy for Neil Daly and his success with Oceanside Motorsports. We all hope for many more years of success.

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—Nate Risch



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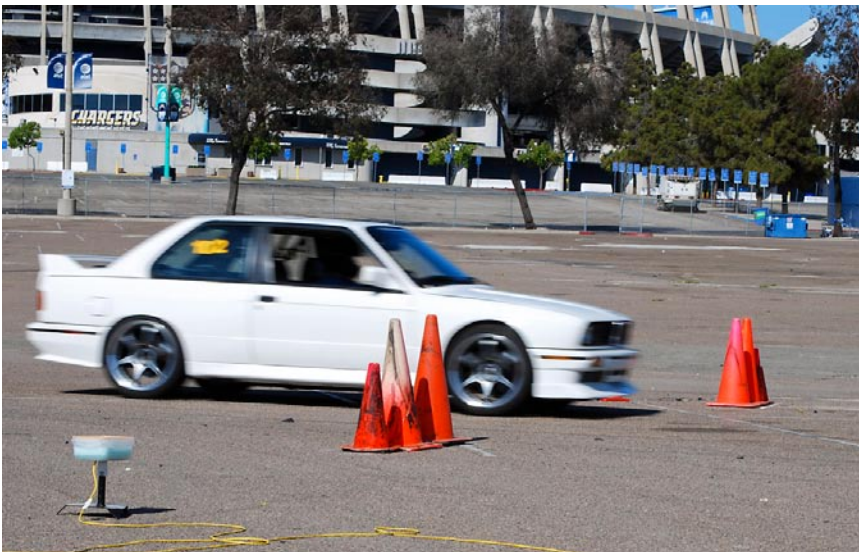


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Sunday FUNday Autocross

**New Format:
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Online Registration will be open from July 14th – 31st

The first 20 non-BMWs to register are guaranteed a spot

We got an extra autocross day this Summer, so we're using the big West Lot just for FUN this time! After four single-lap practice runs with Instructors coaching, we'll spend the rest of the day doing the ever-popular continuous laps, 4 at a time, with drivers carefully spaced. No pressure, no trophies, just an excellent practice day to really get your tires warm and experiment with technique. We have some ideas for a creative course layout too... **NOTE: The helmet standard changed in January to require Snell 2005 or 2010 ratings. Check yours to be sure it's up to date—rentals are limited.** We truly appreciate BMW of South County in El Cajon for their hearty support of our Autocross program. With online registration, local drivers, long-distance travelers and non-BMW competitors can reserve their spot, so don't miss it. You can register between August 14th-31st. Online registration opens 3 weeks before the event and closes just a few days before. Don't wait until the last minute because it's still first-come, first-served (with no online waiting list) and our 100 spots sometimes fill up in advance. We'll still offer registration on-site if any openings are left.

The entry fee is \$65, including breakfast items, lunch and beverages. You can pay online if you register in advance at <http://sdbmwcca.motorsportreg.com>, or register on site with cash or check if you wait. You must be a BMW CCA member to participate, and you can join online at www.bmwcca.org in advance. Please print and bring your membership confirmation if you have not yet received your BMW CCA membership card. We check membership of all participants at the gate. Our Chapter autocross policy gives priority to members who are driving BMWs or MINIs. Members driving non-BMWs will be allowed to participate if space is available. If we still have openings after online registration, we will allow registration on-site on a first-come, first-served basis.

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2. Empty all loose items from your car, then go through the Tech Line and have your car inspected. Bring your Tech card and you will receive Tech and helmet stickers.
3. Take Gate card and Tech card to Registration to get checked off for pre-registration or pay your \$65 entry fee. You will receive car numbers to place on your side windows.
4. If you don't have a helmet, you can rent one from the club for \$10.
5. Your entry fee of \$65.00 includes one lunch and unlimited beverages. Additional lunches can be purchased at Registration for \$7 each.

Gates will open at 6:30 am; tech and registration will open at 7:00 am. Tech will close at 8:20 am and no cars will be inspected or allowed to run after this time. There is a **mandatory drivers meeting at 8:30 am** and the course opens for runs at 9:00 am.

Car Classifications:

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- TS** Stock 6-8-12 cylinder BMWs over 295 factory hp, M cars before 1994
- TM** Modified 6-8-12 cylinder BMWs over 295 factory hp, M cars before 1994
- MS** Stock M cars, 1994 - present
- MM** Modified M cars, 1994 - present
- MC** ALL R-class MINI Cooper models
- X** ALL non-BMW or MINI models
- G** Gold Class for all Instructors, opt-in drivers, and cars with slick tires

Stock classes permit any size wheel and tire; non-stock shock absorbers, bushings and strut braces; any brake pad material (brakes must be stock-size), any air filter or cold air intake or cat-back exhaust; and naturally-aspirated cars may use aftermarket engine management software. Tires must be 140 treadwear rated or higher in Stock. **ANY other performance modification, including but not limited to springs, "R"-compound tires, and engine software for turbocharged/supercharged cars, puts the car in Modified. Non-DOT tires (i.e. slicks) on any car place it in Gold Class. All cars must be under a 92 dB noise level to be driven at Qualcomm—and we'll be checking.** Our car classes are kept simple so we can use the honor system.

Women drivers and Novices are classified based upon the car they are driving. We also award a Women's Class trophy to the woman with the fastest time, and two Novice trophies to the two fastest novices. This means women and novices will be eligible for multiple trophies. For example, a very fast novice could win a novice trophy and a trophy in his car class. Remember, you are only a novice for the first and second time you autocross, and if you win a trophy you are now a ringer, not a novice.

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9/9

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- MC** ALL R-class MINI Cooper models
- X** ALL non-BMW or MINI models
- G** Gold Class for all Instructors, opt-in drivers, and cars with slick tires

Stock classes permit any size wheel and tire; non-stock shock absorbers, bushings and strut braces; any brake pad material (brakes must be stock-size), any air filter or cold air intake or cat-back exhaust; and naturally-aspirated cars may use aftermarket engine management software. Tires must be 140 treadwear rated or higher in Stock. **ANY other performance modification, including but not limited to springs, "R"-compound tires, and engine software for turbocharged/supercharged cars, puts the car in Modified. Non-DOT tires (i.e. slicks) on any car place it in Gold Class. All cars must be under a 92 dB noise level to be driven at Qualcomm—and we'll be checking.** Our car classes are kept simple so we can use the honor system.

Women drivers and Novices are classified based upon the car they are driving. We also award a Women's Class trophy to the woman with the fastest time, and two Novice trophies to the two fastest novices. This means women and novices will be eligible for multiple trophies. For example, a very fast novice could win a novice trophy and a trophy in his car class. Remember, you are only a novice for the first and second time you autocross, and if you win a trophy you are now a ringer, not a novice.

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Sunday, July 1st

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4C – 4 Cylinder BMW

Gary G	1991	318IS	88.986	1st
Christopher H	2002		99.993	2nd

6M – 6 or 8 Cylinder BMWs Modified

Jason O	1988	325i	86.786	1st
Stephen H	2011		88.429	2nd
Kaustav A	1993	325i	88.873	3rd
Josh E	1990	325i	91.264	
John B	1988	325	93.303	
Thejusvi G	1998	528i	93.532	
Alpesh K	2005	330ci	94.107	

6S – 6 or 8 Cylinder BMWs Stock

Dennis H	2010	330Ci	87.966	1st
Chuck H	2003	Z4 3.0	89.7	2nd
Harry W	2000	Z3-2.8	89.776	
Chuck R	2010	328i	91.276	
Michael G	2011	328i	93.094	
Robert H	1973	3.0 CS	98.945	
Jason B	1986	325e	99.553	
Malcolm H	1973	3.0 CS	105.765	

G – Gold Class

Peter E	2011	M3 E92	80.597	1st
Ryan P		Miata	85.437	2nd
Sean T		Miata	88.346	
Satakal K	2012	Jetta	93.734	

MC – Mini Cooper

Jon Paul T	2004	Cooper S	89.487	1st
Stephen H	2004	Cooper	90.136	2nd
Charles E	2006	Cooper S	90.311	3rd
Bryant S	2004	Cooper	91.068	
Grant G	2005	Cooper S	92.735	
Jon B	2009	Cooper S	92.886	
Jeff E	2006	Cooper S	94.295	
Keith P	2006	Cooper S	96.729	
Phil L	2005	Cooper JCW	99.788	



MM – M Car Modified

Serhan E	2004	M3	82.255	Fast BMW Time of Day
Jason B	2006	M3	82.595	1st
Roland B	2002	M3	83.335	2nd
Michael Y	2005	M3	83.926	3rd
Winston B	1995	M3	85.501	
Steve P	1999	m coupe	86.489	
Anish P	1995	M3	86.74	
Giancarlo B	2003	M3	87.271	Novice 1st
Gavin F	2002	M3	87.303	
David L	1995	M3	89.83	
Ryan M	2002	M3	90.466	
Jojo G	2003	M3	91.933	
Ryan Y	2003	M5	93.929	
Elie M	1997	M3	96.985	

MS – M Car Stock

Patrick F	2008	M3 Sedan	85.718	1st
Shawn F	2011	1M	87.378	2nd
Edward S	2011	M3	87.926	3rd
Jack R	1999	M3	87.942	4th
James P	2008	Z4 M Coupe	88.44	
Stuart C	2011	M3	88.556	
Lisa G	1995	M3	88.856	Woman 1st
David F	1999	M3	89.039	
Aytac B	2011	M3	89.989	
Nathan A	2008	M6	90	
Connie P	2008	Z4 M Coupe	90.978	
Eric S	2008	M3	92.242	
Dick M	2007	Z4 M Roadster	94.847	
Shawn S	1995	M3	98.826	
Logan H			100.495	



TM – 6/8/12 Cylinder T-Modified

Andre E	2008	135i	83.913	1st
Ronald O	2011	135i	84.807	2nd
Robert O	2011	135i	86.594	
Tim O	1983	335i	91.519	
Edward K	1988	E30 m3	100.501	



X – Non-BMW

Connor B	1994	Miata	80.548	1st
Wt W	2004	Miata	83.484	
Andrew S	2003	S2000	86.307	
Gregory P	1992	300ZX	86.375	
James C	1988	Mustang GT	87.194	
J. Brandon C	1988	Mustang GT	87.922	
Eric B	2007	WRX STI	88.72	
Daniel A	2005	Impreza 2.5 RS	88.846	
George A	2008	Gallardo Spyder	89.054	Novice 2nd
Scott O	1992	300ZXTT	89.414	
Sean M	2007	Impreza WRX	89.96	
Ggg			90.324	
Ken S	1972	240z	91.828	
Peter R W	1984	944	91.943	
Jonathan A	2008	WRX STI	93.296	
Christopher B	1996	Miata	93.576	
Ryan A	2011	A6	94.62	
Kevin T	2005	Civic Si	95.291	
Gerard L	2013	Genesis Coupe	95.786	
Logan H			96.046	
Bobbie Y	2011	GTI	96.249	
Dennis D	1975	280Z	98.227	
Chris B	2009	G37S	99.603	
Hal L	1983	911SC	102.613	
Stephen C	2007	Corvette	103.334	
Bob Y	2011	GTI	104.589	

TS – 6/8/12 Cylinder T-Stock

Eric H	2011	Z4 sDrive 35i	87.984	1st
Tyler S	2000	Z3-2.8	88.281	2nd
Zubin P	2011	335i	88.578	
Joseph W	2011	135i	90.142	
Jesse D	2012	135i	91.055	
Tom F	2011	335is Coupe	91.548	
Vu P	2008	335i	93.531	
Sue F	2011	335is Coupe	93.894	
Kurt M	2010	535i	94.698	
Zubin P	2008	335i	94.807	
Samuel C	2007	335i	98.868	



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The 2012 Runoff

by Dan Tackett

Once a year, our autocross format ramps up from a steady stream of low-pressure learning and fun to the sizzling intensity of our Annual Runoff. We host this unique format in the middle of the year to have a longer day than at the year's end. The concept is simple: we all drive a wide variety of cars in different classes due to their wide range of performance. But how do we know who is actually the fastest DRIVER?

To find out, and have a lot of fun doing it, our Runoff takes the top-time finisher in each car class and tosses each of them the keys to an equally unfamiliar car. We want to see what they can do when the only variable is their driving skill. We dedicate this spirit of competition to the memory of Rug Cunningham, a cheerful but relentless motorsport competitor who was a consummate BMW enthusiast, a genuine supporter of our Chapter, and founder of BMW South County. He left his imprint on the BMW



community both locally and nationally, and we are honored to remember him with the perpetual Rug Cunningham Memorial Trophy awarded to the Annual Runoff winner.

The Runoff car was kept secret until the class winners were announced so nobody had time to ponder the possibilities. This year, avid racer and key member of our Team, Matthew Kogan, offered up his E28 528e. Though it comes from a classic era for BMW handling, the tepid eta motor combined with sacrificial Chinese rear tires promised to give our drivers a real challenge. Matthew really put his stamp on this Runoff by designing a challenging yet flowing course that drew enthusiastic praise from everyone.



Runoff Drivers: Serhan Emre, Jon Paul Turner, Andre Eisenbach, Dennis Holmes, Patrick Fitzpatrick, Connor Bloum, Eric Hawley, Gary Glazier, Jason Olliff

Photos: Lisa Goehring

Nine class winners earned two laps apiece in the elderly 5er, which acquitted itself very well all afternoon. Class 4C was represented by Gary Glazier, perennial class winner in his E30 318is. Trying his hand (and feet) at rear-wheel drive was Jon Paul Turner, who won MC class in a JCW Mini Cooper S. In 6S, Dennis Holmes used his years of autocross experience to bring his 330Ci in first (after a long day helping us set up since 6 a.m.) Jason Olliff won 6M, a well-deserved victory since he just got his E30 engine running the day before after losing the timing belt at Chuckwalla. Our top time in TS was earned by Eric Hawley in his gorgeous 2011 Z4, after just a year of autocrossing with us. TM has become very competitive at the top, this time won by Andre Eisenbach who was our 2011



runoff champion (then in 6S) and is now a key event staffer. Patrick Fitzpatrick brought his E90 M3 to the top of MS class, putting his 3 years of driving events to good use. MM is dominated by E46 M3 drivers who trade top finishes among them; today Serhan Emre was victorious and earned a spot in the E28. Among non-BMWs, none were faster than Connor Bloum in his supercharged Miata that he regularly runs with Porsche club in addition to having BMW road racing experience.

After keeping all times secret until the last driver finished his two runs, we had a Champion! All drivers were winners, but Connor

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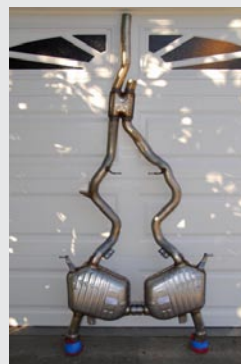
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