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(Before capturing his plush *Roundel* position, Satch Carlson spent several years on the bench!)

Roundel Editor to appear at Roadrunner Chapter Winter Driving School

After a certain amount of therapy following his last appearance in Phoenix, *Roundel* editor-in-chief Satch Carlson has been pronounced fit for the journey from his home in the frozen north to the sunny climes of Phoenix, where he will serve as an instructor at the CCA Driving School to be held February 2-3 at Firebird. "We figure it's 2002," says Driving School Steward, Brett Creaser, "so we're hoping to send him out with Bob Jack again!" Carlson has often whined about instructing in track-modified, lowered, hopped-up '02s; in a previous appearance at Firebird, he was seen limping from Jack's car clutching his lower back, but reports of his writhing on the ground are "pure fabrication," he says.

Jack and several other 2002 pilots who have endured instruction from the diminutive editor express little sympathy. "Anybody can learn to drive a new M3 with confidence and control with just about any decent instructor," says one. "But the 2002 started the 'sport sedan' concept, and that was thirty years ago. It takes skill and practice to develop the subtle techniques involved in driving

these wonderful cars well, and it doesn't help when your instructor is whimpering." Assuming he survives Saturday's school sessions, Carlson will again hold forth during the Saturday night dinner at Firebird Race Track. Tickets for the dinner are available to non-student members as well as Driving School students at \$25.00; call Brett Creaser, 602-344-4475. Contrary to popular rumor, however, the school tuition is NOT lowered for those students who promise to sit through Carlson's dinner speech. "Yes, we know he'll tell the same lame jokes," admits Creaser, "but at least he promised to wear a new suit."

President's Soap Box - Happy New Year to all of you. As we start 2002, I am enthusiastic about the year and the upcoming events we have planned or are planning. We will be sponsoring three Driving Schools again in 2002. Our winter school will be February 2 and 3; our "Do It In The Morning" school in June 23; and our fall school is in the planning stage. Check out the newsletter calendar and the website for more details.

You may notice changes in the newsletter. Thank to Nancy Jack for her work on it. Nancy keeps trying to make it better with each issue and the changes are beginning to show. Another change has been the appointment of Chris Kennedy as our Webmaster. Chris has been working on the website [roadrunnerbmw.org] with many new updates and improvements. Well done Chris! We will continue to use the newsletter for communication also. We are all trying to improve the communications between the planning board and the membership. Meeting dates, times, and places will now be listed on the website along with a map to the meeting site. We want to move the meeting site around the valley to other interesting locales. The January monthly meeting was the Holiday party—Thank to Karol & Dallas Clark - and our **next monthly meeting is February 11 @ the Stock Car Café - 3422 W. Glendale Road - [I-17 & 35th avenue] - Glendale, AZ - phone # 602.242.2288**
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Calendar of Events 2002

Month	Date	Activity	Comments
January	5 17-20	Holiday Party/Monthly Meeting Barrett Jackson Auction	Karol and Dallas Clark's Home Westworld, Scottsdale, AZ
February	2-3 11	Roadrunner Driver's School February Monthly Meeting	Firebird Int'l Raceway, East Course Stock Car Café, 3422 W. Glendale Rd Glendale, AZ @ 7:00 pm #602.242.2288
March	2-3 8-10 11 28-30	BMW Club Race Driver's School March Monthly Meeting Gateway Tech	Phoenix International Raceway San Diego Chapter @ Buttonwillow includes Friday Instructor Development) Location to be determined Hilton St. Louis Frontenac see www.stlBMWclub.com for details
April	8 23	April Monthly Meeting Driver's School	Location to be determined Golden Gate Chapter tentative @Thunderhill
May	4-6 11-12 13 29 31	Driver's School Driver's School May Monthly Meeting Driver's School Driver's School	Golden Gate Chapter @ Laguna Seca Sin City Chapter, Las Vegas Road Course Location to be determined Golden Gate Chapter tentative @ Thunderhill Central California @Buttonwillow
June	10 23	June Monthly Meeting Roadrunner Driver's School	Location to be determined 'Do it in the Morning' @Firebird Int'l Raceway

• **Did you know?**

BMW applauds all who have generously contributed to recent U.S. disaster-relief efforts. Joining the outpouring of support, the BMW Group was one of the first corporations on the scene, donating \$1 million and 10 BMW X5s to the American Red Cross, and 100 police motorcycles to the City of New York.

CAR TIPS:

Pumped up about safety: BMWs rank among the world's safest automobiles when they're well maintained. One way you can help ensure your BMW's level of safety is by regularly monitoring tire pressure.

- Learn the recommended tire pressure for your vehicle by consulting your BMW Owner's Manual.
- Use a digital or dial-type pressure gauge Old-fashioned pencil-style gauges can be very inaccurate.
- Check pressure at least once per month, while the tires are cold, i.e., before you start driving. Under-inflated tires also shorten tire life, increase fuel consumption and weaken handling. So, get the most out of your BMW by following this simple routine!

News from National:

Election 2002: Candidacy statements will appear in January Roundel, ballots mailed the end of December. Voting closes at 12 Noon, February 15th. If you have not received a ballot by January 25th, call 866-720-HELP (4357) and election.com will send you a replacement. Better yet, you can vote online www.bmwcca.org.

Rocky Mountain Chapter and BMW CCA invite you to Summit County, Colorado July 14-19 for Oktoberfest 2002. BMW CCA's 32nd Oktoberfest is also the 4th in Colorado. Customer Service Representatives are standing by at Keystone Resorts to take your housing reservation! Call 800-258-0437 and use this group code: CSOCMBW.

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ROADRUNNER CHAPTER WINTER DRIVING SCHOOL FIREBIRD INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

WHEN AND WHERE:

Saturday and Sunday, February 2 and 3, 2002, on the East Track of Firebird International Raceway. We start at 7:30 on Saturday morning.

This will be our 5th time on the East Track, which we generally use for our Summer 'do it in the morning' Driving School. This year, we will be using it for our winter school, to give some variety to those who can't make it to our summer event.

"One Lap of America" was run on this track several years ago, it is used Indycar and CART teams for car set up, and NASA has begun to use this track for driving and racing events on a regular basis. The track is 1.1 miles long. It's an excellent school track, not too intimidating, very safe, and complex enough to keep you busy. The track is off the Maricopa Road exit on the I-10 Freeway, Southeast of Phoenix.

WHAT:

This is a high-performance driving school, held under close supervision by trained instructors. We use a race track to provide a safe, controlled environment. This is **NOT** a racing school; the emphasis will be on safe, smooth, controlled driving. At no time will you be pressed to go any faster than you feel comfortable with.

Participants will be grouped according to experience and, to some degree, the type of automobile. If the instructors feel you are in the wrong group, they will move you. "First timers", however, are always classified as novices and receive special classroom instruction.

WHO CAN ENTER:

This school is open to both members of the BMW CCA and to non-members. For insurance reasons, if you do not belong to the BMW CCA you will be charged an additional \$35 and become a BMW CCA member. You do not have to drive a BMW to participate in this event!

Insurance regulations require that

- a. All participants be 18 years old or over.
- b. All drivers and passengers must wear helmets (Snell 95 or better).
- c. Convertibles - *Must* have *approved* rollbar/cage and safety equipment.

Two drivers can share one car, but both pay the full fee and are considered separate entries. We will need applications for both drivers.

The banquet is Saturday night. Drivers & Guests \$25.00 each.
Hospitality Suite and Registration, Friday night, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

Fill out the application and mail it in with your entry fee. ***Please note, we now accept Mastercard and Visa!***

Please register early as this helps in our planning and staffing for the event. ***We now have a reduced rate for those that pay at least 10 days prior to the event!***

Prior to the school, you will be sent a confirmation, more information on hotels, preparing your car, & schedules.

QUESTIONS ? Call, fax or e-mail to:

Daytime phone: _____ FAX: _____ E-mail: _____
Brett Creaser (602) 344-4775 (602) 943-5508 bcreaser@speedie.net

**ROADRUNNER CHAPTER
BMW CCA DRIVING SCHOOL**
February 2 & 3, 2002

FIREBIRD INT'L RACEWAY
PHOENIX , ARIZONA
FIREBIRD EAST TRACK

DRIVING SCHOOL ENTRY APPLICATION

Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Home Phone:	Email:		
BMWCCA #:	Non-Member: (CHECK IF APPLICABLE)		

Car Make / Model:	Year:	Insurance Co.:
Color / Markings:	License #:	Policy #:
Engine Modifications		
Suspension Modifications		

-CONVERTIBLES MUST HAVE APPROVED ROLL BAR/CAGE AND ARM RESTRAINTS! -
PLEASE REGISTER EARLY --- HELMET REQUIREMENT: SNELL 95 OR BETTER

Second Driver's Name (IF APPLICABLE) : _____

No More Than (2) Drivers Per Car - SEPARATE APPLICATION AND FEE FOR EACH DRIVER REQUIRED !!

PREVIOUS HIGH PERFORMANCE DRIVING EXPERIENCE: (CHECK THOSE APPLICABLE)

<input type="checkbox"/>	No Previous Autocross or Driving School Experience	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Some Autocross Experience	How Many Events ____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Some High Speed Driving School Experience	How Many Events ____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced Driving School/Racing Experience	How Many Events ____
<input type="checkbox"/>	(IDENTIFY LICENSES & SCHOOLS ATTENDED)	

Which run group would you prefer to be assigned to ?
 ____ Novice ____ Intermediate 1 ____ Intermediate 2 ____ Advanced

FINAL DECISIONS ON RUN GROUP ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE MADE BY THE DRIVER'S SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Entry Fees: BMW CCA Member Non-Member **Total Fee:** **Method of Payment:**
 Check () Visa () Mastercard ()

Driving School (paid before 1/19/02)	\$ 275.00	\$ 310.00
Driving School (paid after 1/19/02)	\$ 295.00	\$ 330.00
Dinner - Saturday	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00



Card # _____ Exp _____

I hereby authorize BMW CCA to charge my credit card listed above for the total fee indicated.

Print name

Signature

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Brett Creaser
 Days: (602) 344-4775
 Fax: (602) 943-5508
 e-mail: bcreaser@speedie.net

CHIEF DRIVING INSTRUCTOR:
Bill Bentzen

RETURN APPLICATION & PAYMENT TO:
ROADRUNNER CHAPTER BMW CCA
 PO BOX 26096
 PHOENIX, AZ 85068-6096
 FAX (602) 943-5508

Please note:
Credit Card Charges on bill will appear as CAR CARE LLC

Please make checks payable to:
ROADRUNNER CHAPTER
BMW CCA

...and now a word from the "dean" of driving schools...Brett Creaser

Hi All!

It's time for everyone to get out and play with all those new toys! Here's the monthly update for the upcoming driving schools and open track events in the Phoenix area.

The BMW Club - Roadrunner Chapter's annual winter driving school is set for February 2 & 3, on the East Track at Firebird. Come enjoy the best driving instruction in the West! In addition, Satch Carlson (*Roundel* editor) will again be guest speaker at the Saturday Night Banquet, as well as helping (?) with instruction during the weekend. Speaking of the banquet, plans are underway for a truly different event this year - details to follow. Roadrunner's website (www.roadrunnerbmw.org) is currently being revised, so if you need an application or an information sheet, contact me and I'll see that you get one.

The next ASRA event is scheduled for January 12 & 13 at PIR. If you haven't had an opportunity to participate in an ASRA track event lately, you should check them out - they have been working hard to reenergize their program. Online registration is now open for the January event on the ASRA website www.azsportsracing.org

Some truly exciting news is that a BMW CLUB RACE is scheduled for the ASRA March 2 & 3 event at PIR. Although the event is still in the developmental stage, we're also planning a BMW street car run group similar to our successful Thanksgiving weekend event. Also being planned is a Saturday night bar-b-que where the street car guys and the club racers can get together.

BTW, a special thanks who all those who participated and supported this years ASRA Thanksgiving weekend event - Sunday (especially) turned out to be a real hoot for the "BMW" street car group!

NASA's next event is January 4th through the 6th. This will be a split event, with the race cars running on Firebird Main, and the street cars running on the West Track. Typically, this dedicated track for street car strategy results in plenty of uncongested track time, and a somewhat more-controlled atmosphere. NASA events continue monthly at Firebird, although their next split event will not be until May 3rd through the 5th. The NASA website is www.nasa-az.com

And don't forget to check out one of the many auto auctions this month!

See you at the track (or drooling over a GT40 at Barrett-Jackson)...

Welcome to our new members:

Matthew Berhard	1995 325is	Natasha Johnson	1998 M3
Curt Chisholm	1999 328i	James Milano	1995 M3
John Clark	2001 330i	Brendan Murphy	1976 2002
Sal DiFonzo	2001 330i	Shinley Neeb	
Ray Dumuzio	2001 325ci	Todd Owens	
Tinamarie Dutko	1973 2002	Unju Pak	2000 540i
Charles Erickson		Raquel Rozdolski	1996 318is
Jack Gallagher		Debjoti Sensharma	1998 M3
Dian Gilmore	2002 330i	Greg Smith	2000 323i
Curtis Goehring		Jeff Stewart	2002 330i Sedan
Fredric Grethel			
Thomas Griffith	87 L6		
		Roadrunner Membership Total:	718

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Classified:

FOR SALE: 1968 BMW 1600; Reliable runner with many miles; New starter, new alternator, fresh transmission from a '71 1602; Could use new paint; Reasonable restoration candidate; Best offer; Dave - 480-303-9532 or differtd@securitytitle.com

HELP WANTED: Contributing writers for Bimmer Beat, email nancy123jack@netscape.net with stories, anecdotes, BMW related articles.



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