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MARCH 2—3 ASRA/BMW CLUB RACE AT PIR



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Calendar of Events 2002

Month	Date	Activity	Comments
March	2-3	BMW Club Race	Phoenix International Raceway
	8-10	Driver's School	San Diego Chapter @ Buttonwillow (includes Friday Instructor Development)
	11	March Monthly Meeting	Jax Wheel and Tire
	28-30	Gateway Tech	Hilton St. Louis Frontenac see www.stlBMWclub.com for details
April	8	April Monthly Meeting	Jax Wheel & Tire - 7333 E. Butherus Bldg C Scottsdale, AZ @ 7:00 pm #480.607.2248
	23	Driver's School	Golden Gate Chapter tentative @Thunderhill
May	4-6	Driver's School	Golden Gate Chapter @ Laguna Seca
	11-12	Driver's School	Sin City Chapter, Las Vegas Road Course
	13	May Monthly Meeting	Kokopelli Winery, Chandler, AZ 7:00 p.m.
	29	Driver's School	Golden Gate Chapter tentative @ Thunderhill
	31	Driver's School	Central California @Buttonwillow
June	10	June Monthly Meeting	Location to be determined
	23	Roadrunner Driver's School	'Do it in the Morning' @Firebird Int'l Raceway

Submitted by Richard Koch

BMW CCA MEMBERS ENJOY PIR

November 24, 2001 dawned chilly and windy, but still they came. Braving the unusually cool weather were a dedicated group of BMW "trackers" and racers, gathered together at Phoenix International Raceway. ASRA for the Thanksgiving weekend sponsored two days for testing and tuning our favorite marque. Since this was my first true intense track time with my 325is, I was really up for some great time. Brett and Marty really came through for all of us, setting up our club tent and providing some much needed nourishment and refreshment. The club center allowed us to form together, and the "Old-timers" coached us newbies in the fundamentals of the track and car preparation. Truly an effort appreciated.

Sunday was much of the same, weather-wise. But track-wise, and with the aid of some free transponder use, our track time was even better. As I grew to know the course, I could feel the car respond with faster and smoother lap times. I can't wait till next month when my wheels, tires, and suspension modes are complete. Look out Marty and Bits, I'm comin'.

The Roadrunner BMW Club returns to Phoenix International Raceway to participate in the Second Annual Grand Am Milestones Club during the UnitedAuto 200 race. This all-day event includes:

- **Suite admission race tickets (including infield access)**
- **Laps on the track in your own car behind the pace car**
- **Luncheon including all day beverage service**
- **Special guest appearances, including 2002 Rolex 24 at Daytona winner Didier Theys**
- **Autograph session with drivers of the Grand Am series**
- **Milestones Club BMW Corral parking on the midway**
- **A display of historic & vintage sports cars**

Cost is \$75 per person. To sign up, please call Jeri Resor at PIR, at (602) 252-3833. Be sure to mention that you're with the BMW club. Visit our website for more details.

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Kokopelli Winery was established in 1994 and is now the largest winery in Arizona with a 60% market share. Kokopelli winery produces 15 varietal wines, 3 sparkling wines, 2 blended wines, Port, and Ratafia.

All of their wines are produced from the same fine "Certified Organic Wine Grapes" grown by Don Minchella and then the grapes are crafted by the "Lescombes Family" into fine wine. The same families are makers for both Paradise Valley Winery and Kokopelli Winery. Together, they bring over 100 years of experience to your table.

The vines and wines of Arizona are part of the oldest wine region in the United States of America. The people of what is now know as "Arizona" were making wine here 80 years before California's first vines had been planted!

Kokopelli Winery has had 4 of its Wines awarded medals in "World-Wide Wine Competitions" and 11 Medals in Regional Competition.

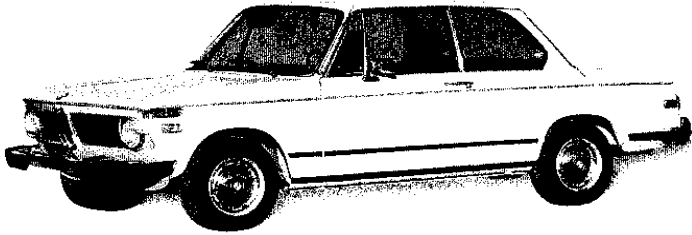
If you find this interesting and would like to learn more about Kokopelli Winery, (or just enjoy a pleasant evening) **PLEASE JOIN US ON MONDAY EVENING, MAY 13TH AT 7:00 P.M.** when Kokopelli Winery closes their doors to the general public to allow the Roadrunner chapter to have it's monthly meeting at their facility. The address is 35 W. Boston St., Chandler, AZ. (2 blocks south of Chandler Blvd. off the west side of Arizona Ave.).

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For more photos and information, visit <http://www.bmwia.org/2002>

Welcome to our new members:

Joshua Ambrosion	1970 740 iL
David Anderson	2001 M3 Conv
Jody Bearden	2001 325i
Scott Berlin	
Jason Boles	
John DiPalma	
Jeff Dorgay	
Larry Fagan	
David Ferry	
Ron Harrison	1974 3.0CS
Cliff Kujala	1995 M3
Eric Lloyd	1981 320i
Joseph McShane	2001 X5
Laurel Murphy	740 iL
Nels Peterson	1988 M3
Tamara Redmond	1995 325i
Sheela Sinha	2002 325i
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Michael Vallenari	

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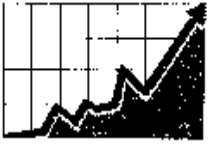
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President's Soap Box

Due to illness, the President has stepped down off of his soap box for this issue. He'll return next month.



**Oktoberfest '02—July 14-19,
 Summit County, Colorado**

Don't forget his year's O'fest at the beautiful Keystone Resort. For reservations, call 1-800-258-0437 and be sure to give the operator this group code: CSOCBMW. For more information, visit www.bmwcca.org. See you in Colorado!

FROM NATIONAL:

If you are not already aware, with a record number of members casting their votes — (11,700 or 18.32 percent of the Club's over 64,000 ballots sent out) Michel Potheau, BMW CCA member #2, was elected to a two-year term as BMW CCA President, with Mark Jon Calabrese gaining the executive-vice president position. Reid Douglas will serve as North Atlantic regional VP with Fred Iacino representing the South Central Chapter.

BMW DRIVING SCHOOLS: Courses offered this year at the BMW Performance Center, Spartanburg, include a new-driver school, teen camp (scheduled adjacent to parent schools) M school, X5 school, one-and two-day car-control clinics, and women-only clinics. They cost \$300-\$3,650. Details: 888-345-4269.

MAY 4, 2002. BMW Factory Performance Center Driving School. The Iowa Chapter will be hosting a day on the driver's training track at the BMW Performance Center next to the BMW factory in Spartanburg/Greenville, SC. We will be driving specially modified new 330i's owned by BMW for a full day of instruction using all of the features of the training facility including the wet skid pad, the 'water wall' emergency lane change station, the slalom, and more. This specially designed school will be taught by professional driving instructors, and will be limited to 20 participants. Don't forget to book a factory tour while you're there. \$200 per non-Iowa Chapter student, \$125 each until March 15 if you are an Iowa Chapter member, \$200 each for everyone thereafter. To register: contact Dave Brennan, P.O. Box 42113, Des Moines, IA 50322 (515) 225-7891(h), or (515) 240-7838 (c); dbrennan@netins.net

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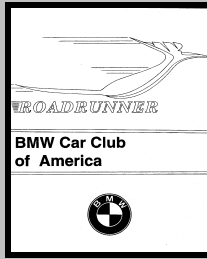
Two Michelin Pilot MXM's; 225-50-16. 5/32nd's tread left. Good for track or street. \$50 obo for pair. Must sell. Bavarian Auto Sport Clear Hood deflector for E-36 (92-98). New in Box. Cost \$80; Sell \$55. Cat heat shield for E-36; \$10. Also: complete exhaust for euro 635. Make offer. One Alpina 16X7 20 spoke wheel, new in box, with center cap; for 5 and 6 series as well as some others. New \$330. Make offer. (602) 686-4431

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