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How about a getaway?????

ROUTE 66

May 18,19,20 is the weekend for our Route 66 tour. A great family weekend is in store for you to take a leisurely stroll down 'memory lane' and see remnants of the predecessor of the four-lane interstate that canvassed the United States from east to west coast.

We begin our weekend on Friday night in Flagstaff, with special rates at the Little America Hotel. Call 800-435-2490 and tell them you're with the BMW Club, Roadrunner Chapter for the \$95 rate. For those folks who would rather meet us on Saturday morning, meet us at the lobby before 0830. There will be trip packets with maps and other fun things for your enjoyment!

The day's drive will take us through Williams, Valentine, Grand Canyon Caverns and more. The tour is not just a drive through, it provides whatever time is needed to explore, sample, purchase or just look. We'll stay the night in Kingman, where we have club rates at the Best Western, 520-753-6101, of \$60. (*You make your own reservations at both hotels*).

After a Sunday breakfast, we're on to Oatman, an old mining town where burros can be spotted in the streets. After you have satiated your senses in Oatman, you may choose to return to Phoenix via a number of routes, described in your information packet. For further information, see our web site, www.roadrunnerbmw.org.

This tour is primarily for BMW club members, but we welcome other participants and vehicles. For planning purposes, we ask that you confirm your attendance by sending an email to kedelmanbmw@home.com by May 16th.

Please note:

A block of 10 rooms have been set aside for BMW at the Best Western Kings Inn in Kingman. To reserve a room, the member needs to identify themselves as being a member of the BMW Roadrunner group. They will hold the block until Friday, May 4, 2001. The room is \$55+tax per night for 2 queen beds. Their number is 520-753-6101.

The block of 10 rooms is being held at Little America for 5/18/01. To reserve a room, the member needs to identify themselves as being a member of the BMW Roadrunner group. They will hold the block until Friday, May 4,. The room is \$95+tax per night. Little America's number is 520-779-7900.

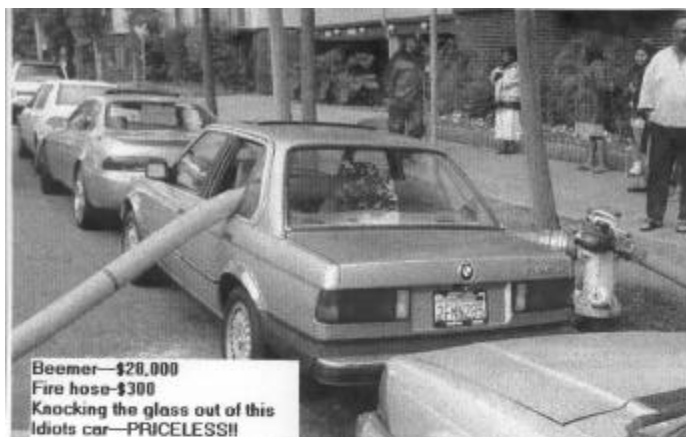
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President's Soap Box

Another month and more activities enjoyed. This month thanks and applause go to fellow Roadrunner Chapter member, **John Guiney** for his efforts in securing the best tickets for the recent Grand Am race at PIR. Thanks also to **Camelback BMW** for their assistance and hospitality. We were there to cheer on our favorite racecars, the BMW's of course!!! The M5 / V8 stuffed into the engine bay of the E46 / M3 was an awesome sight. [I want one for Father's Day, please let my kids know.] The entire day was perfect except the weather and the outcome. It rained and the BMW's didn't finish first.

I also want to thank the hardy souls who made the trek to the Rock Springs Café located somewhere north of Phoenix and south of Flagstaff. If you weren't there, you missed some great food, interesting chit-chat, and an informative presentation by Tyler Quinn of DASCO, Inc. Tyler spoke to us about Clear Bra's for our vehicles. It's the latest and greatest accessory to protect our vehicles from the scourges of the open road.

*Bits and Pieces:***Is this anyone you know?**

You're invited to the 2001

Midwest '02 Fest

June 9-10, 2001
South Bend, Indiana
Hosted by
the Michiana Chapter, BMW CCA
at the Tire Rack

All BMW models are welcome.
For room reservations, call the Best Inn in South Bend (219) 277-7300. Ask for the Michiana BMW CCA table.
For more information, contact Chris Bard via e-mail: barckp0211@aol.com or telephone (219) 833-6292.
Visit www.michiana-bmwcca.com for applications and information.
All participants must pre-register.
Deadline for entry is May 20th.

Saturday
Open track autocross practice
Concours Photo shoot Parts swap

Saturday evening
Dinner at Parla's Italian restaurant in South Bend

Sunday
Photo shoot Autocross competition

Awards for Peoples Choice, Concours, Autocross
Event shirt

Thanks for the great turnout at our April meeting at Rock Springs Café. If you'd like more meetings off-site, please let us know! Contact Bob Jack (azjackfam@aol.com), or Marty Saltzman (martyws@aol.com) with your suggestions. Monthly meetings are the second Monday of the month.

For those of you who did not have the opportunity to join the Roadrunner Chapter for the Sun Auto 200 at PIR on Saturday, April 21— you truly missed out on something special. With the help of club member John Guiney (thank you so much for all your work, John), we were able to parlay general admission tickets [Thank you Camelback BMW] into Milestone Club admissions. The day began with a caravan to the Phoenix International Raceway. About 20 BMW's lined up in the front row in a special reserved parking area. We were treated to breakfast and lunch and an extraordinary talk by two time Indy 500 winner, Ari Luyendyck. The racing was great—the weather was not. We were then able to stay out of the rain by watching the race in a warm dry suite. It was a wonderful day; and I'm sure I can speak for the rest of the members in attendance, a day that we were glad we didn't miss!

Calendar of Events 2001

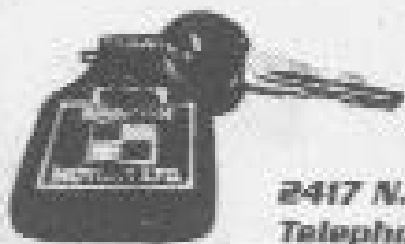
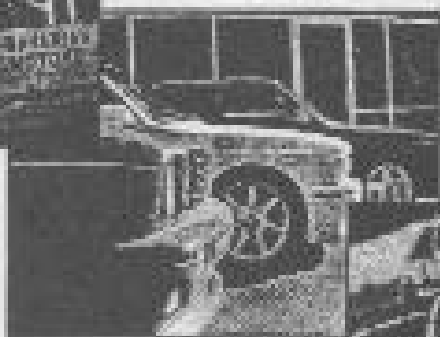
Month	Date	Activity	Comment
May	14 19, 20	Monthly Meeting Route 66 Tour	7:00 p.m. Chapman BMW Overnight tour of old Route 66, Flagstaff west.
June	11	Monthly Meeting	7: 00 p. m. Chapman BMW
July	9 15	Monthly Meeting "Do it in the Morning"	7:00 p.m. Tortilla Flats [watch for details] Driver's School, Firebird International Raceway
August	13	Monthly Meeting	7:00 p.m. Chapman BMW
September	10 22	Monthly Meeting 2nd Annual Rally	Chapman BMW This is a modified TSD even. Driver and navigator required.
October	8 TBA 27-28	Monthly Meeting O'West Driver's School Hannigan Meadows Trek	7:00 p.m. Chapman BMW T. B. A. Weekend jaunt to the eastern part of Arizona along AZ191.
November	12	Monthly Meeting	7:00 p.m. Chapman BMW
December	TBA	Holiday Party and Meeting	

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HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO TRY A DRIVER'S SCHOOL BUT COULDN'T BE THERE FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND?

Well, how about "Do it in the morning"? This is a one day driver's school that held on July 15th at Firebird International Raceway. We start **very** early Saturday morning and we're done before the real heat of the day begins.

This is an opportunity to try it out and see what you think. Who knows, you may like it enough to come out for the entire weekend in the fall! For more information, contact Brett Creaser (bcreaser@speedie.net).

Car Tips:

Adjusting your mirrors for maximum safety:

Good vision is essential to safety when driving. That's why it's imperative that your rear-and side view mirrors are adjusted correctly. Your inside rear-view mirror should, obviously, allow you to see fully out the rear windshield. If your rear-view mirror doesn't have an automatic dimming feature, make sure that you adjust it properly for day or night. Most people adjust the side-view mirrors so that they can see the side of the vehicle. This causes your side-view mirrors to overlap much of what is reflected by your rear-view mirror. This overlap creates blind spots at your doors. By adjusting the outer mirrors so that they cover the area just beyond the edge of your vehicle, you nearly eliminate these blind spots