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President's Soap Box:

As we are getting closer to Oktoberfest 2002, I encourage you [I've attended 15 O'fests] to re-consider scheduling or re-scheduling your calendar to let you attend this year. Over the past several years the event has been held in the East and made it difficult for some of us to attend, especially with our cars. It's important to note "our cars" because O'fest is, if nothing else, a celebration of our cars and ourselves. This time it is within driving distance and I urge you to go. There are so many activities [visit the website] everyone can find something of interest.

In this issue you will find the data and application concerning the Roadrunner Chapter's infamous "Do it in the morning" driving school. I've attended every one since I've lived in the valley and enjoyed each and every one. C'mon, get up early and join us. The sunrise is beautiful through half-closed eyes and steamy coffee.

We are also finalizing the details of a Roadrunner Picnic to Mt Lemmon. Stay tuned for more details.

Tech Tips:

How to maintain a **SAFE RIDE**

Shock absorbers and strut assemblies work with the suspension, springs and tires to help your vehicle ride smoother. They reduce the bounce of the wheels, which can help make the ride safer. You can restore the "new-vehicle" ride you enjoyed the day you first drove your vehicle with new shocks or struts. After all, they're the parts that were designed to work best for your vehicle. Your Advisor at your service center can help you determine whether they need replacement and if so, which kind would best suit your needs. New shocks and struts help:

- Keep your tires in contact with the road by controlling spring and suspension movement.
- Control vehicle handling and brake performance by reducing vehicle bounce, roll, sway and dive
- Prevent premature tire wear and reduce wear on other suspension components
- Maintain wheel alignment

Shock Absorbers:

Shock Absorbers are a separate component from the suspension. In a spring/shock configuration, the springs are placed into action first. The springs compress and then rebound to push the wheels down. Shock absorbers then prevent the springs from rebounding too fast. By helping to hold the tires to the road, springs and shock absorbers provide vehicle control and help keep tire wear in check.

Struts:

Struts combine your springs and absorbers in a single unit and are part of the vehicle's suspension. Because they're a part of the suspension they also affect wheel alignment and wear on tires and other suspension components in addition to helping to control the vehicle and tire bounce. Generally, struts are used on:

- Front-wheel-drive vehicles
- Front axles of many rear-wheel-drive vehicles

Is it time to replace your SHOCKS OR STRUTS?

Shocks stroke on average 1,750 times for every mile traveled. That can really add up. Factory-trained technicians can inspect your shocks or struts to make sure they are working best for you. The right shocks or struts can improve handling, braking, safety-even mileage! Take your vehicle in if you notice any of these symptoms with your shocks or struts:

- Excessive tire bounce
- Poor tire-to-road contact
- Premature tire wear
- Reduced handling and braking performance
- Noise and suspension vibration

Calendar of Events 2002

Month	Date	Activity	Comments
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.
	18-19	NASA HPDE Race Groups/ Competition School	PIR
	29 31	Driver's School Driver's School	Golden Gate Chapter tentative @ Thunderhill Central California @ Buttonwillow
June	10	June Monthly Meeting	Jax Wheel and Tire Special Guest: Ryan Tounsley from Ultra-Shield
	22	NASA Night Event	Firebird
	23	Roadrunner Driver's School	'Do it in the Morning' @ Firebird Int'l Raceway
July	8	July Monthly Meeting	To be announced

To the Editor:

Having bought a 2001 Z3 coupe last year, one of the first things I did was to join the BMW CCA. Years ago it had really helped when I was rebuilding the family '76 530i. I kinda took the additional benefit of local membership for granted - no more.

When I shopped insurance, Progressive came out the best - and having lived here for a few years I opted for \$0 deductible glass coverage. At the start of April, I caught a rock which by the next day had grown into a 10" crack. Originally, the plan was to have a local BMW dealer do the work, but my local insurance agent advised against it. She said that the dealer would simply charge a premium and then farm out the work anyway! The whole point of going to the dealer (qualified techs) seemed moot. The other point was that I would be paying the \$350 difference between what Progressive deemed fair and reasonable and what the dealership would charge. Next I gave Progressive's Glass Service (aka Safelite) a try. I was told that a tech familiar with BMW's would do the work with factory glass. Unfortunately, when I showed up Saturday morning for the appointment, Safelite was ADAMANT that I would "leave the car with them" and not be able to closely observe the techs work. "Insurance regulations" I was told with somewhat of a attitude, to which I replied "thank you, have a nice day...". What to do now? Progressive said to find a firm I was comfortable with and they would take care of the billing as long as the charge was the reasonable amount they had come up with. I was all set to start calling the names on the local chapter flyer or go through the phone book when the ad for Scottsdale Auto Glass caught my eye in the flyer. A phone call with Seth quickly determined that his shop knew BMW's and that I would be accommodated in watching and understanding the process. Today I had the work done by a tech who could explain all of the oddities involved in BMW auto glass and was very professional. I feel lucky to have found this business, in a town full of Auto Glass companies. The tech had some amusing stories about some of them... If I was not in the local chapter I would still be bumbling around trying to find a competent shop.

Thanks again for the useful service! Ted Saylor

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CONCORSO ITALIANO - QUAIL LODGE, CARMEL VALLEY CA

On Friday, August 16, 2002, the Central California Chapter will host its 7th annual *ULTIMATE* Clean Car Contest on the greens of the elegant Quail Lodge nestled in the beautiful Carmel Valley. This event will be held within the confines of the BMW parking corral provided for you when you attend the Concorso Italiano. Your entry fee to the Concorso Italiano guarantees you preferred parking within the corral, literally several feet from the concours area. You are also given the option of having your BMW judged or placed for viewing. There is no extra charge to enter your BMW in the clean car contest and trophies will be awarded to class winners as well as special awards for the BMW driven the farthest, highest mileage and more. This year we will have special parking for the 2002 and e30m3 special interest groups. The grounds are spectacular with cool green grass, wonderful food and facilities. Truly a great place to show off your BMW. Get there early if possible.

There are many automobile events happening this weekend including the Monterey Historic Automobile Races, the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance as well as the Concorso Italiano. Please be advised that separate entry forms and/or tickets are required for each of the weekend events.

If you have attended the Concorso Italiano in the past you should be receiving an entry form from them very soon. If you want additional information about Concorso Italiano go to their website at www.concorso.com.

For information about the *ULTIMATE* Clean Car contest go to our chapter's website at www.cccbmwcca.com and click on the Activities button. There is a link there to an information letter as well as an entry form to pre-register for the clean car contest.

Also, don't forget about Golden Gate Chapter's corral and activities at the Monterey Historic Car Races at Laguna Seca August 17-18th and check out the "*Festorics*" ad in upcoming *ROUNDEL* issues. See you there!

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ROADRUNNER CHAPTER
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FIREBIRD INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

WHEN AND WHERE:

Sunday, June 23, 2002, on the Main Track of Firebird International Raceway. We start at approximately 5:00 on Sunday morning and are off the track by approximately 2:00 pm.

The track is 1.6 miles long. It's used for SCCA, vintage racing, ASRA/NASA/PASA, and testing for the Major Race Teams. It's an excellent school track, not too intimidating, very safe, and complex enough to keep you busy. The track is off I-10 Freeway, Southeast of Phoenix, at the Maricopa Road exit.

This year, we will be using it for our 'diitm' school, to give some variety to those who can't make it to our winter event.

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.

The focus of BMW CCA driving schools is to provide an intense, instruction-based, and controlled experience in high-performance driving

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* be PREAPPROVED, with a 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.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

Fill out the application and mail/fax 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 7 days prior to the event!***

Prior to the school, you will be sent a confirmation, information on 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**

Sunday, June 23, 2002 - 'do it in the morning!'

**FIREBIRD INT'L RACEWAY
PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

FIREBIRD MAIN COURSE

DRIVING SCHOOL ENTRY APPLICATION

Name:			
Address:			
City:		State:	
Home Phone:		Zip:	
BMWCCA #:		Email:	
BMWCCA #:		Non-Member: <input type="checkbox"/> (CHECK IF APPLICABLE)	
Car Make / Model:		Year:	Insurance Co.:
Color / Markings:		License #:	Policy #:
Engine Modifications			
Suspension Modifications			

**-CONVERTIBLES MUST BE PREAPPROVED AND HAVE RACE-TYPE 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)

No Previous Autocross or Driving School Experience	
Some Autocross Experience	How Many Events ____
Some High Speed Driving School Experience	How Many Events ____
Advanced Driving School/Racing Experience	How Many Events ____
(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

Driving School (paid before 6/16/02)	\$ 165.00	\$ 200.00
Driving School (paid after 6/16/02)	\$ 185.00	\$ 220.00

Total Fee:

\$

Method of Payment:

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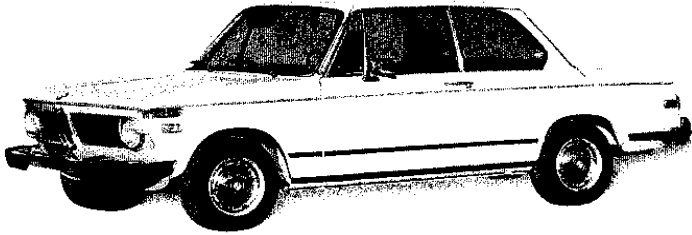
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For more photos and information, visit <http://www.bmwia.org/2002>

Welcome to our new members April, 2002:

John Ayers	2001 M3
Tod Brindlinger	
Bart Cable	
Manola Camarador	1994 325i
Robert Ciancola	
Anthony Coffman	1998 M3
Mike Corrigan	1999 Z3
Robert Harris	2001 M coupe
Albert Hummerich	1993 325i
Hazem Jabr	
James Kiel	2002 325ixt sport
Drew Maloney	
Lise Maloney	
Ryan Mechelke	
David Meyer	1996 M3
Alex Meyers	
David Moody	1992 5258T
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Dan Vasquez	1996 Z3

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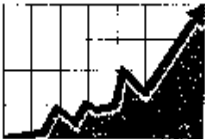
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Summit County, Colorado**

Don't forget this 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!



There is still plenty of space available for the May 11-12, 2002 Sin City driving school. Applications are available on line at www.sicitybmwcarclub.com or by emailing or calling Teri Lachman, registrar at ztbb@aol.com or 702-656-7799.

May 13th Meeting at Kokopelli Winery:
Why not join us at our next meeting at the Kokopelli Winery— 35 W. Boston St. Chandler, AZ (2 blocks south of Chandler Blvd. Off the west side of Arizona Ave.) The menu that has been chosen for us is as follows:

Chicken Kokopelli \$11.95
served w/homemade wine & cream sauce, wild rice, and fresh steamed veggies.

French Quarter Tilapia \$12.95
Lean white meat fish from the Ecuadorian Andes is lightly dusted in Napoleon's favorite seasonings, and then baked in butter and Kokopelli Fume Blanc. Presented w/ asparagus and seasoned wild rice.

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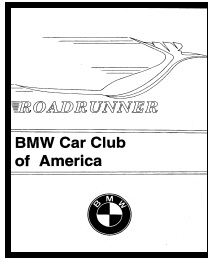
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