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## President's Message

By Simon Cooper

Welcome to the Boston Chapter's BMW CCA Members "Pass-along" Guide. For years I've been asking members to pass along their enthusiasm for the Boston Chapter to friends, and now it is easier than ever to invite friends to join the fun. This issue offers members and friends a look at upcoming events for the year, special discounts and benefits exclusively for members, plus a membership form with instructions on how to sign up via snail mail or online.

Each year we review our activities to align them with member participation and interests, and new members are often the ones who bring enthusiasm and new ideas into the Chapter. We like to harness their ideas and enthusiasm to help manage our events. While we're lucky to have a dedicated group of individuals who donate their time to make these events happen, we are always looking for new members to help make events run smoothly and add new perspectives to our programs.

Speaking of volunteers, when we inevitably return to our social, technical, and track events, please take a minute to thank the people who made it possible. I'd also like to encourage you to support our sponsors. These businesses help defray costs for some of our events. Their support allows our Chapter to offer world class events at affordable prices. So if you are in their shop or placing an order through their website, take a moment to tell them you found them through the club.

If you've never been to a Chapter event before, we hope that this Guide will provide insight into what the Chapter has to offer and encourage your feedback, both positive and critical, so we can support and develop activities that continue to get you involved.

Our goal as a Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America is to provide programs and events to create a "community" of club members who love car-related activities. Whether your interest is in social events or track events, we encourage you to participate in at least one Chapter event, because one event is often all it takes to introduce you to new friends and pique your interest in other activities. Our technical sessions and general meetings are great, low stress ways to meet other members and get a free meal. Meeting other members with similar interests might just encourage you to participate in an autocross, fun rally, or concours.

It all starts with one event, so I encourage you to try one and discover for yourself the opportunity to meet great people with similar interests. If you enjoy what you see, we encourage you to share your enthusiasm for BMW CCA ... so tell a friend and pass it on!

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## PLEASE NOTE

The events and activities detailed in this membership guide are included to provide an overview of what is typically expected with membership in the Boston Chapter.

Due to COVID-19, some of these events and activities may be postponed or cancelled. Please refer to the Boston Chapter website for updates.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



## Special Membership Benefits:

*BMW CCA membership has benefits and privileges that include special discounts on services, parts and new BMW purchases. You may find, like many new members do, that the benefits pay for the membership.*

### The Membership Rewards Program:

BMW CCA members in good standing for a year or more may be eligible for substantial rebates on the purchase or lease of a new or Certified Pre-owned BMW from any authorized U.S. BMW Dealer. Rebates currently range from \$250 to \$1,500 depending on the model. For full details, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), and select the Membership Rewards Program.

### Member Privileges:

- Access to 68 local chapters, which provide a range of social, technical, and driving events.
- Access to Technical Services Advisors for personalized advice.
- Ombudsmen to help with dealer issues.
- Outstanding national events, including BMW CCA's premier annual Oktoberfest gathering.
- Local and regional festivals, Concours, social events, driving schools, autocross, rallies, safety schools, and Club Racing (Boston Chapter events are featured in this guide).
- Members receive two free classified ads per month either online on the Chapter website or in the *Roundel*. Free ads are also available in the *Boston Bimmer* magazine.
- Participation in BMW special interest groups.
- Exclusive members-only trips to the BMW Performance Center in Spartanburg, SC.
- Eligible to participate in the annual BMW CCA "Car of Your Dreams" raffle.
- Availability of a BMW CCA affinity credit card with special benefits including: 1% cash back and 0% APR on balance transfers for 9 full months. For details, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org) and click on the "VISA Card" icon under Member Benefits.
- Access to all areas of the growing online community at [BMWCCA.org](http://BMWCCA.org), and access to BMW CCA apps for Apple and Android phones and tablets. These apps allow you to keep up with the latest news and events via smartphone.

### Local Discounts on BMW Parts and Service:

To receive the parts discounts listed below and promotional discounts, you must provide your BMW CCA membership card at the point of sale. Dealers and service providers often provide special discounts the evening of technical or educational events co-sponsored by the Boston Chapter. Watch the Chapter website, Boston Bimmer, and Instagram account (@bmwcca) for notices of these events.

#### Current Local Discounts as of April 2021:

**BMW of Peabody**  
20% on BMW Parts

**South Shore BMW/MINI**  
20% on BMW Parts/Service (Max \$200 Either/Or)

### Member Publications:

**The Boston Bimmer:** Published four times a year, this digital, full color magazine includes updates on Boston Chapter events, as well as entertaining, technical, and educational articles and member vehicle spotlights.

**Roundel Magazine:** Your annual membership includes 12 issues of *Roundel*, the national BMW CCA magazine. Named one of the finest car club magazines in the world by *Car and Driver*, each monthly issue has 120+ pages of articles, reviews, photography, and classified ads dedicated to all things BMW.

### Additional Member Benefits Products & Service Discounts:

**Allied Moving:** The Allied Moving Benefits program can save you thousands of dollars on professional moving, with world class service from the industry's top provider, including: Group discounts on full service, long distance moving and storage with Carey Moving and Storage, an agent for Allied Van Lines; Allied Van Lines most competitive rates on out of state moves; plus Service Guarantees and Corporate Perks. To learn more about their BMW CCA discounts, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the Allied Moving link.

**BAVSOUND:** BAVSOUND makes BMW audio upgrades simple. They engineer and manufacture the world's best and easiest to install audio upgrades for your BMW, including: BMW speaker upgrades and replacements; iPhone, iPod, and android integration; blue-tooth integration; and subwoofer systems. BMW CCA members receive 5% off the purchase of any item.

**Brooks Brothers:** BMW CCA members receive a discount of 15% off everyday prices on most Brooks Brothers clothing and accessories at Brooks Brothers stores, over the phone, and online. Occasional offers may include greater discounts. Simply sign up for the Brooks Brothers Corporate Membership Card; you'll get a temporary membership card immediately.

**CocoMats.com:** The Original Auto Mat. CocoMats.com is the manufacturer and retailer of the finest auto floor mats on the market. Available in original BMW-specific designs which date back to the 1950s, all of our mats are hand-made in Fort Mill, South Carolina and are guaranteed to be a perfect fitment for any year, make or model vehicle ever made. We offer the original Coco material "CocoMats" as well as Sisal, Seagrass, BMW-Chequers, Wool and several other proprietary blends. Whether looking for a period-correct factory accessory for your BMW 2002 or Bavaria or an upgraded all-weather mat for your BMW M3 or X5, CocoMats.com offers a solution to meet and exceed your needs!

**EmpireCovers:** Exclusive discount of 45% off + free ground shipping in the continental U.S. on all orders when you use the special members-only discount code in your cart at checkout. EmpireCovers produces and sells long-lasting products that protect and cover your cars, trucks, boats, RVs, motorcycles and more. All of their covers are engineered and tested to provide outstanding weather protection and durability against all elements. Most covers are in stock and ship directly from their warehouse in Kentucky. Log in to [BMWCCA.org](http://BMWCCA.org) to get the code.

**From You Flowers:** Save 20% on flowers and plants from FTD and 1800FLOWERS trademarked items, plus great savings on gift baskets and gourmet baked goods from brands like Godiva, Ghirardelli and Mrs. Fields. To learn more about their BMW CCA discounts, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the From You Flowers link.

**Garages123:** Garages123.com offers BMW members a 15% discount on all of their high-end garage storage solutions! Their garage storage products are easy-to-install, and perfect for the DIY'er. Design your dream garage with our online designer tool, or utilize our FREE design services and have it delivered to your doorstep. For details, visit [www.garages123.com](http://www.garages123.com) or log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), click on member perks, then click discounts and follow the Garages123 link.

**Goodyear:** Goodyear offers rebates on tires and discounts on service at Goodyear Auto Service Centers. To learn more about their services and the BMW CCA discounts, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), click on member perks, then click discounts and follow the Goodyear link.

**Germanparts.ca:** Get 15% OFF ALL parts. To get the BMW CCA discount code, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), click on member perks, then click discounts and follow the Germanparts.ca link.

**Griot's Garage:** Griot's Garage formulates and produces its own liquid car care products in the U.S.A. and also sources unique, high-quality detailing accessories and garage gear. Merchandise is available at the Griot's Garage Flagship Retail Store in Tacoma, Washington, through a direct-mail catalog, online at [www.griots-garage.com](http://www.griots-garage.com), and in retail locations nationwide.

**Michelin:** Get Michelin rebates on your purchases. To learn more about their services and the BMW CCA discounts, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), click on member perks, then click discounts and follow the Michelin link.  
**Microbead Car Covers:** Get their Select-Fit outdoor/indoor silver covers and Select-Fleece indoor black covers at discounted pricing. Kits include free storage bag, adjustment straps, cable and lock + Free 2-Day Shipping (in the Continental USA). Also available: Mirror pockets, reflector strips, and free fabric samples. Text your year, make and model to 617-657-4212! Outdoor/Indoor Select-Fit only \$99.95. Indoor Select-Fleece \$139.95. Get both FIT + FLEECE covers for \$230.00.

**ModBargains:** ModBargains purpose is to share its expertise, experience, and enthusiasm to make the world a better place for automotive enthusiasts. They stock inventory in a 13,000 sq. ft. warehouse and do installations Monday through Saturday. They have a team of 7 full time modification experts with a total workforce of 26 people who include employees in sales, customer service, accounting, web design, shipping, and installations. BMW CCA members get 5% off anything on our site.

**OfficeMax:** The OfficeMax Retail Connect Card provides you with access to BMW CCA's discounted prices on office supplies and printing services from OfficeMax at nearly 900 retail locations. To get the OfficeMax discount card, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), click on member perks, then click discounts and follow the OfficeMax link.

**OscaroParts.com:** OscaroParts.com carries a complete range of maintenance and repair parts from brands like Bosch, Sachs, Bilstein, and Brembo, delivered via 5 Star service, fast shipping, and competitive prices. Members receive a 15% discount on parts for your BMW.

**PartnerShip:** The BMW CCA Shipping Program, managed by PartnerShip® is a comprehensive inbound and outbound shipping program that combines simplicity, savings, and value to all BMW CCA members. Members who enroll receive:

- Savings up to 27% (includes a 5% on-line processing discount) on select FedEx® small package services;
- Savings of at least 70% on LTL freight shipments with UPS Freight, YRC Freight, and others;
- Savings of 20-40% with discounted rates on shipments to and from trade shows and events.

**Stealth Auto:** BMW CCA members save 10% off all parts and accessories. To get the BMW CCA discount code, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), click on member perks, then click discounts and follow the Stealth Auto link.

**Vehiport:** Receive a \$25 to \$50 discount on vehicle shipping services! Vehiport offers a vehicle transport solution that allows for secure customer logins, online order tracking, and completely paperless transactions. Please visit [www.vehiport.com](http://www.vehiport.com) for more information.

**XPEL:** XPEL is an industry leading paint protection manufacturer and offers a worldwide installer group. Visit [locator.XPEL.com](http://locator.XPEL.com) to find an installer near you. Members receive 20% off most items ordered on XPEL.com. Including headlight paint protection, Trac-wrap temporary paint protection, Do-It-Yourself products and more! \*Offer excludes bulk rolls and pre-cut patterns\*

## Service & Insurance Discounts:

**HPDE Insurance:** Lockton HPDE Insurance actually protects you where you need it the most, on the track. To learn more about their services and the BMW CCA discounts, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the HPDE link.

**Liberty Mutual Insurance:** BMW CCA members receive a special group discount, and special benefits designed for BMW owners. To learn more about their BMW CCA discounts, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the Liberty Mutual link.

**XCEL Federal Credit Union:** XCEL Federal Credit Union offers BMW CCA members a special discounts off its already low rates for new, used, and refinanced vehicle loans. For details on the offer, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the XCEL link.

**MedJet Medical Evacuation:** MedJet's medical evacuation membership covers you when you or our family member are hospitalized more than 150 miles from home, domestically or abroad. BMW CCA members can get coverage at a reduced annual rate. To learn more about their BMW CCA discounts, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), click on member perks, then click discounts and click on the Medjet link.





## Benefits continued:

### Travel & Leisure Discounts:

**Anheuser-Busch Theme Parks:** BMW CCA members receive discounted admission at Anheuser-Busch Parks, including: Sea-World San Diego, SeaWorld Orlando, SeaWorld San Antonio, Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, Adventure Island Water Country USA, Sesame Place, Adventure Island and Water Country USA. To learn more about their services and the BMW CCA discounts, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), click on member perks, then click discounts and follow the Anheuser-Busch link.

**Auto Europe:** Want to drive the Autobahn in the same car you have at home? Rent a BMW in Europe and save up to 25%, plus U.S. members get a Free GPS unit rental to use while you are there. Auto Europe has over 10,000 car rental locations in 135 countries worldwide and you can save at all of them!



**Bavarian Luxury Rentals:** Receive a 20% discount off Monday-Friday & 25% off weekend rentals at America's only all BMW rental car company located in Austin, TX. To access the discounts available and the BMW code, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), click on member perks, then click discounts and follow the Bavarian Luxury Rentals link.

**Biltmore Mansion & Museum:** Gain discounted admission to the 250-room, 8,000-acre Biltmore Museum and estate in Asheville, N.C. Discounted ticket prices vary and you must purchase tickets in advance to obtain the discount. To learn more about their services and the BMW CCA discounts, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), click on member perks, then click discounts and follow the Biltmore link. BMW Factory Tour, Greer, South Carolina: Members can enjoy a guided tour of the BMW Factory in Spartanburg, SC for just \$3.50. For information call 1-888-Tour-BMW

**BMW Museum in Germany:** BMW is now discounting admission and tour prices for BMW CCA members. The entrance price for visitors is regularly 9.00 EURO, but is only 6.00 EURO for BMW CCA members. The Museum's guided tour is normally 12.00 EURO, and is now 9.00 EURO for BMW CCA members. For any further questions please contact the BMW Welt info service hotline 0049 (0)89-1250 160 01 (Monday to Sunday, between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.) or send an e-mail to [infow-elt@bmw-welt.com](mailto:infow-elt@bmw-welt.com).

**BMW Performance Driving Schools:** BMW CCA members get a 15% discount on BMW's Performance Driving School held throughout the year at the BMW Performance Driving Center in Spartanburg, S.C., and at other select locations throughout the U.S. Programs run one or two days using center-supplied BMWs and include car control clinics, M driving schools, and new driver/teen safety schools. For information, see the Experience Performance Driving Schools section of [bmwusa.com](http://bmwusa.com) or call 888-345-4269. Be sure to say you're a BMW CCA member and give your membership number when you register.

**Hertz & Avis Rental:** To access the discounts available and the BMW code, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), click on member perks, then click discounts and follow the Hertz or Avis link.

**InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG®):** Do you need accommodation for your next club event? BMW CCA members now save 14.5% on all their individual travel with flexible terms. BMW CCA Chapters also have access to assistance from IHG to reserve and manage group bookings for organized events (contact the BMW CCA office for details). Not a member of the IHG Rewards Club? Join now! [www.ihg-grewardsclub.com](http://www.ihg-grewardsclub.com)

**First Hand Tickets:** First Hand Tickets is a concierge ticket provider for sports, theater, and concert tickets for national or international event. Looking for game, theater or a special artist's event? Count on First Hand Tickets to be less expensive than other outlets and online providers. Their network allows you access to more inventory than any other online site. Never again will you need to pay online or service fees when you contact them directly. They guarantee to exceed your expectations and ensure a safe and friendly transaction. They stand behind every order and are available to you from the day of your purchase to the day of the event.

**International Golf Rentals and Sales, Inc:** Traveling with golf clubs can be risky and cumbersome. Choose your set and your rental clubs will be delivered to the course or hotel the day before your tee time and picked up as soon as you're done with them. To learn more about their services and the BMW CCA discounts, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), click on member perks, then click discounts and follow the International Golf Rentals & Sales link.

**The Kessler Family of Hotels:** The Kessler Family of Hotels is offering BMW CCA Members a special discount on room rates and inclusive packages. A sample offering of packages include Biltmore Escape Package, Golf Getaway, Bed & Breakfast, Artful Asheville Getaway, Girls Getaway and Fly Fishing. For full details and to access the BMW CCA discount code, log on to [bmwcca.org](http://bmwcca.org), click on member perks, then click discounts and follow the Kessler link.

Invite a friend to join the fun!  
Sign up with this form or logon to [www.BMWCCA.org](http://www.BMWCCA.org)

## BMW CAR CLUB OF AMERICA



### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ASSOCIATE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

REFERRED BY (NAME AND MEMBER NUMBER): \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ One year standard membership \$58.00
- ☐ Three year standard membership \$159.00
- ☐ Five year standard membership \$270.00
- ☐ Lifetime standard membership \$1750.00

- ☐ One year Associate membership \$10.00
- ☐ Two year Associate membership \$20.00
- ☐ Three year Associate membership \$30.00
- ☐ Four year Associate membership \$40.00
- ☐ Five year Associate membership \$50.00
- ☐ Lifetime Associate membership \$155.00

Associate must reside in the same household as primary member

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

I'VE ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (U.S. FUNDS ONLY)

CHARGE MY: ☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ AMEX ☐ DISCOVER

CARD NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Driving & Track Activities: *Boston Chapter offers lots of options.*

The Boston Chapter was founded by a group of people who loved cars. They were inspired by the original “sports sedan,” the BMW 2002. They quickly learned that the sports sedan was worthy of the same activities as a traditional sports car. That meant driving them beyond the scope of everyday opportunities presented by public roads. Members loved driving them, they loved working on them and they loved testing their skills in a safe, educational environment. They wanted to learn how to drive their cars at their personal limits and the car’s limits. It isn’t surprising then that the Boston Chapter developed some of the leading programs for driver training both on and off the track.



**Ground School & Sampler:** The Boston Chapter’s annual ground school offers an overview of each of the programs and the ability to ask questions of event organizers, who will explain what to expect and how to get the most out of the program.



**Autocross:** Autocross drivers navigate a challenging course of cones and compete for the best time in class. It is a controlled environment with just you and your car against the clock. It is done in a competitive, safe environment at moderate speeds, but with lots of action.



**ADSS:** As members progress, they want to learn better car control skills and understand how a car works “at the limit.” Our Advanced Driving Skills School provides that next step to understanding how you and your car can work together in ways you never imagined in all driving conditions.



**HPDS:** The High Performance Driving Schools provide an opportunity to put the ADSS experience together on the race track with in-car instructors. This lets you experience the true Ultimate Driving Machine to learn both you and your car’s limits.



**Club Racing:** For those who want the ultimate experience the Boston Chapter offers BMW Club Racing Schools and Races. This requires significant experience and special equipment for those who are driven to compete, and win!

### Specialty driving programs:



**Just for Teens! Tire Rack Street Survival® :** Arm your teens with the driving tools and hands-on experience to become safer, smarter drivers. Trained instructors give classroom and hands on lessons in the student’s own car to teach them the physics of driving.



**Karting:** Want to experience the thrill of racing or high performance driving without the financial commitment? Karting provides all the thrills in a safe, controlled environment. No experience is required to join the fun!

Please note: there may be additional fees incurred depending upon the activity.





## Ground School & Open House Days:

### *Learn more before you join us*

**T**he BMW CCA's Boston Chapter offers many different ways to learn more about its Driving School programs

and the people running them. If you're interested but not ready to commit, mark your calendar for the Annual First quarter Meeting / Ground School or contact the driving events team to sign up for an open house.

### Ground School

Each Spring, a Ground School is held in the Boston area to introduce driving events, meet the people involved, and get inside tips about how to get the most out of an event. Try to attend if at all possible. You should also download and review information on High Performance Driving Events [here](#). Check the events calendar for the date.

### Driver's School Ride Along

If you're curious about HPDS at Race Tracks but are not sure it's for you, consider attending as a non-driving participant. This is a great way for spouses and/or those not sure of their interest level, to experience a driving school. The Ride Along option is only offered by special request. So if you're interested, email a member of the Driving Committee to express your interest.

**What to expect:** You will be joining other Boston Chapter members at a race track, like New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) in Loudon, NH; Palmer Motorsports Park, in Palmer MA; Watkins Glen International (WGI), in Watkins Glen, NY; Lime Rock Park in CT; or Le Circuit Mont Tremblant (LCMT) in Mt. Tremblant, Quebec, Canada. You'll have much the same experience as the student drivers, except that you'll have the option to ride as a passenger in an instructor's car, rather than drive your own car. Instructors' cars may be anything from a normal street car to a track prepared performance car.

In addition to the optional on-track ride, you'll attend one or more student classroom sessions, observe the cars trackside, hang out with the instructors and student drivers. While the Boston Chapter takes these driving events very seriously, particularly with regard to safety and education, we are also a friendly, outgoing bunch of folks who want to share our enthusiasm with you. Past students tell us this is a great way to see what a Driving School is all about before trying it yourself.

As a reminder, HPDS and ADSS programs are not racing schools but are educational, performance driving skills programs. To read full details on what the student drivers will be doing, download the Performance Driver's Guide from the Boston Chapter's website [www.boston-bmwcca.org](http://www.boston-bmwcca.org); look under Event Descriptions/Driving Schools. Key contacts, such as Event Chair, Driving School Sampler Program Coordinator, and Event Registrar are listed on the chapter's website.

***To participate in Ground School, contact:  
Simon Cooper or the event registrar***





## Autocross: *Competing against the clock*

Have you ever wondered what you and your car are really capable of? Here's your chance to find out in a safe, fun environment, with fellow enthusiasts. The Autocross Series is open to Boston Chapter BMW CCA members. If you are not a member of the Boston Chapter BMW CCA, you may join for only \$58 per year. If you are a BMW CCA member affiliated with a different Chapter, you may add the Boston Chapter to your current membership. Although the schedule changes each year, it normally includes eight timed events and two or more Autocross Schools. You will get points at all events you attend, and if you attend 4 events or more, you could qualify for a trophy at our annual awards get together.

### Who is eligible to participate?

The Autocross Series is open to BMW CCA members only, but you don't have to own a BMW to be a member of the BMW CCA. We do check BMW CCA membership cards at the gate, so remember to bring your BMW CCA membership card to every event. Drivers must hold a valid drivers license and be 16 years of age or older. If you are 16 or 17\* you will need to have your parents or guardians sign the [minor waiver](#) form in order to participate in this low-speed, non-race-track event. We strongly encourage parents of minor drivers to attend these events. Two drivers for a car are allowed, as long as each driver is registered separately.

### What happens the day of the event?

We strive to have a new course every event. The Driver's meeting is always very close to 8:00 a.m. This meeting is where we go over all the rules and safety guidelines so you must be present at the meeting to participate in the day's events.

We normally have two run groups: when one group works, the other group drives. There will be a 30 minute break to catch a bite of lunch between runs or while working on the course, but you'll have plenty of company. A typical morning schedule looks something like this:

Gate Opens .....	7:00 a.m.
Tech Inspection .....	7:30 - 8:00 a.m.
Driver's Meeting .....	8:00 a.m.
Course Walk .....	8:30 - 8:50 a.m.
First Car Off.....	9:10 a.m.

### At the Gate:

You will check in at the gate with your BMW CCA membership card and a valid drivers license to make sure your name is on the registration list for the event. If you are a registered driver or a registered guest, then you and every- one in your car will be allowed to proceed. All participants, guests, and spectators 16 or older must sign the waiver of liability form. Everyone under 16 must have a parent or guardian sign a release form at the site. The forms are signed when you enter the gate at the autocross site.

### Tech Inspection and Driver's Meeting:

Find a parking spot, unload your car, and prepare it for Tech Inspection. You will then drive your car over to the Tech Staging Area, which will be in the center of the runway in the paddock area. You will need to stay with your car while waiting for your car to get inspected. After you have completed Tech Inspection, return your car to your parking spot. Make sure to attend the driver's meeting and only walk the course if it is clearly marked or announced that it is open for walking.

Safety topics and special announcements are covered at the driver's meeting. It is also where run groups and work assignments are announced, and attendance is man- datory. If you don't attend the meeting, you can't drive.

### Run Groups:

Each event's participants are assigned to one of two run groups based on the car's class and number of par- ticipants in each class. Cars are classified when you register for the event. Each run group is made up of the participants from a number of classes. For example, a run group may consist of classes A, B, and C.

### After the Driver's Meeting:

The first run group lines up in the staging area after the Driver's Meeting. The second run group works while the first run group drives. After everyone in the first group has completed three or four runs, the second run group stages (lines up) to drive. The first run group reports to the timing and scoring booth for their work assign- ments.







< Autocross drivers navigate a challenging course of cones and compete for the best time in class. Above, to get participants ready for the day, the driver's meeting is the first step in the day. The meeting is followed by a course walk since the course changes for each event.

## With play comes work:

Participants receive their work assignments immediately after the Driver's Meeting. You may work as the starter, gate, control, timing, noise control, or at one of the flag stations. As an autocross participant, you will be required to work twice in one day. In autocross, timing is everything, so we ask you to be prompt in signing in with your worker boss, so we can minimize downtime. Our goal is to maximize the fun, on-course experience.

## Be our guest:

Not sure if you want to jump in feet first? Register as a guest to check out how autocrossing works first hand. Register by dropping an email to the Autocross Registrar and ask to be placed on the guest list. (The email address can be found at <http://www.boston-bmwcca.org/officers/default.aspx>.)

## Registration

If you think you'd like to give Autocross a try, watch the Chapter website for the date that registration opens, and review all the information you will need to sign up. The registration process can appear complicated when you register for the first time, but it's really quite easy. Just be sure to review all the background information and resources on the Chapter Website before starting the registration process. The online resources will walk you through every step in the process.

## How to prepare

There are things you will need to do to prepare for your first autocross event. You will need to buy or borrow a Snell 2010 (or newer) rated helmet. The Chapter offers a few loaner helmets at each event for new participants. Also, your car will need to be prepared to pass a tech inspection to insure that it is solid and meets certain safety and sound requirements. A full list of what to bring and how to prepare for the event and the technical inspection is on the Chapter website. The chapter website also offers additional resources to help you prepare for the Autocross experience, including online handbooks and reference guides, which can be found in the Autocross section of [boston-bmwcca.org](http://boston-bmwcca.org).

## Come Join us!

We're here to help you take the first step towards becoming an autocrosser! So don't be afraid to ask questions, or for help with the registration process. With any luck, we'll see you on the track. Until then, drive carefully!

## Event Co-chairs:

**Audra Tella & Matthew Cwieka**





## Advanced Driving Skills School: *Expanding skills, exploring potential*

The Boston Chapter holds several Advanced Driving Skills Schools (ADSS) each year. Driving skills schools are designed to help you improve your driving skills and to learn about vehicle dynamics and what they mean to your car and you. The school's dual purpose is to prepare students for our High Performance School and to teach skills essential in everyday driving situations.

### What to expect

The schools are held in a large parking lot, using plastic pylons/cones, to provide a safe learning environment for these low to moderate speed maneuvers. The skid pad area is operated under a sprinkler system to practice the exercises at low speed and also to reduce tire wear. You need to be 18+ with a current driving license. Bring a car to drive, but you will not need a helmet. Lunch will be provided, usually in the form of pizza so if you have any special dietary needs please bring your lunch with you.

The day begins with a "chalk talk", where our expert instructors explain about vehicle dynamics, the techniques students will be taught, and summarize the exercises for the day. Prior to the school, students should read the [curriculum](#) (courtesy of our friends in the White Mountain Chapter) for an in-depth understanding of what the school will cover.

### Exercises at ADSS

#### Braking:

The braking exercises allow students to learn braking with ABS, threshold braking, braking and turning, and both single and double emergency lane changes. These life-saving accident avoidance maneuvers prepare students for numerous real-world situations.

#### Skid Pad:

The practical exercises include spending part of the day on our skid pad and figure eight courses, learning about: under-steer, over-steer, steering with the throttle, secondary effects, "the line", and power-slides. These basic building blocks are key to learning how to bring your car under control, when the unexpected happens.

#### Combined:

At the end of the day the students get to put together all the skills that they have learned with numerous fun-filled runs through our combined exercise course. Students demonstrate braking while turning, inducing rotation,



The course for Advanced Driving Skills School at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, NH is in a picturesque setting, especially in the Fall, but offers challenging configurations including a lot of water.

countering under-steer and over-steer, and other techniques by navigating through this challenging course.

### Who should attend & what to expect?

Attendance at a Boston Chapter Advanced Driving Skills School is strongly recommended for anyone who is attending their first Boston Chapter Driving School, but anyone who wants to improve their driving skills is encouraged to attend. Please keep in mind that this is not practice for any racing or speed contest. It is a safe, advanced driving skills school, conducted on a paved driving surface under close supervision by experienced instructors. You will learn how to handle and control your vehicle in aggressive maneuvers at low to moderate speeds. This school will help to prepare you for emergencies in normal driving. It will also allow you to explore your capabilities as a driver and those of your vehicle.

### Enrollment

For the dates, registration deadlines and full enrollment guidelines, log on to the Chapter website at [boston-bm-wcca.org](http://boston-bm-wcca.org) for complete details. Please note that priority for enrollment will be given to those entered as novices in Boston Chapter Driving Schools. Other applicants will be accepted, on a space available basis.

### Costs:

Fees are per driver/entry and vary annually. Fees for this year are TBD. Below is an example from years past:

**\$80 if required by Boston Chapter Driving School**  
**\$105 for BMW CCA members**



## Cancellation policy:

Please check the ADSS event registration page for current policy.

## Additional requirements

### Classroom attendance:

All participants are required to attend the classroom session to learn about vehicle dynamics and advanced driving techniques.

### Approved vehicles:

Only vehicles suitable for aggressive maneuvers will be allowed. All registered street legal passenger cars are approved. Race-prepared vehicles will be permitted at the discretion of the event chairperson. Trucks, SUVs or other tall or high center of gravity vehicles will be allowed at the discretion of the event chairperson.

### Vehicle inspection:

The car you use in the event must be:

- In good mechanical condition and safe in the opinion of the instructor. (There will be a brief safety inspection of the car before it is allowed to participate.)
- Be a legally registered, licensed and insured to participate.
- Please note that trucks, SUVs and special use vehicles are only allowed with pre-approval, at the discretion of the event chairperson.
- Have plenty of gas in the car for the day's event
- Have no visible leaks of any kind.
- Have tires with visible tread and not worn to or beyond the wear bars.
- Have all four tires at the recommended pressure as listed in the Owners manual for the car. Do not over inflate the tires past the recommended pressures.
- The pressures listed on the side wall of the tire is considered the maximum pressure, not the recommended pressure.
- Be cleaned of all loose items before participating, including the trunk. Please note: The battery and spare tire must also be secure to participate.

- Free of Nitrous Oxide use (really!), and our instructors must be able to verify that the bottle is turned off during the entire event.

### Other requirements:

All participants must present a valid driver's license and be at least 18 years of age. Seat belts are mandatory and must be securely anchored to the floor and/or stock mountings.

### Event Coordinator:

**Doug Brown**





## High Performance Driving School: *Exploring limits on the track*

### New members often ask, "What is HPDS?"

The purpose of all Boston Chapter BMW CCA driving schools is to improve your driving skills. Instructors emphasize the relationship of driver and machine, making them function in unison and giving you, as a student, the opportunity to learn your limitations and expand your capabilities, thus creating safe driving skills and habits in a controlled situation. All of which directly translate to safer driving on the public roads.

### High Performance Driving School

The school is conducted on a racetrack under the close supervision of experienced and trained instructors. You will learn how to handle and control your vehicle at speeds not normally attained on public roads. This will help to prepare you for emergencies in normal driving. It will also allow you to explore your capabilities as a driver and those of your vehicle. At no time will you be pushed or encouraged to go any faster than is comfortable for you. All participants will be organized into run groups in accordance with experience, skill, and type of vehicle.

What you learn on the track depends on your driving skill. Beginners are taught driving style (smoothness, consistency, the ability to read the track), more experienced participants continue to work on consistency, while developing new skills such as trail braking, and threshold braking. Every time you are on the track, you will have an experienced instructor in the passenger seat.



One of several venues for HPDS is the Palmer Motorsports Park, shown here during a Boston Chapter event in 2016.

For more experienced drivers, you can be "signed off" and drive solo when you have proven to your instructor and the Chief Instructor that you understand the basics of high speed driving, you can consistently drive the correct line, and you show proper etiquette on track. Maturity, good judgment, skill and experience on the track will lead to being signed off for solo driving. Even if you are a solo student, you are still highly encouraged to learn new skills from your instructor. In fact, National BMW Club rules and the Boston Chapter's commitment to driver advancement requires an instructor be in-car for at least part of the event for all students.

### Classroom versus track time

Your day is divided between driving on the track, classroom sessions, or free time. Yes, this is a school, and there is mandatory classroom time. In the classroom, you learn high speed driving theory. All participants are required to attend classroom sessions to learn vehicle dynamics and driving techniques.

These sessions will continue throughout the day to help you understand the fine art of high speed driving. In the classroom, you learn high speed driving theory. You learn everything from "why tire pressure matters," to what is the difference between an "early and late apex." Vehicle Dynamics, such as what is really happening when I brake or why my car understeers or oversteers is also discussed. Each classroom normally has a question and answer session.

### What HPDS is NOT

Though you are on a racetrack, with 20-30 other drivers of similar driving skills, it is not a race. Passing in corners is not allowed, and you are not expected to shift at redline, or go screaming through each corner with the tires squealing. Safety of the event is of the utmost importance. Driver conduct will be diligently monitored throughout the day by the staff, instructors, and corner workers. Infractions of the rules will not be tolerated, and will likely result in dismissal from the event.

### What is ISG?

ISG is our "Independent Study Group" designed for advanced drivers to develop higher level situational awareness, which cultivates highly skilled, heads-up drivers, capable of quickly adapting to any race track, in any conditions. Participation in this group requires a minimum driver ability level, established via a check-out ride. If interested, contact the chief instructor for more details.



## Registration & Payment

The Boston chapter uses [Motorsportreg.com](https://motorsportreg.com) (MSR) for easy on line registration and your registration date determines your priority. We often get more students that we have spaces for and so the registrar determines acceptance based on date of registration and instructor availability by group.

We defer collection of event fees until about a month before the event and so you can register for as many events as your schedule allows without breaking the bank. All applicants are required to download the Tech and Medical forms and day of event information in order to have both car and driver prepared for the event. A Tech inspection is recommended 3 weeks before an event.



Le Circuit Mont Tremblant offers an amazing track in a spectacular setting making it a favored track for ADSS and HPDS programs.

Novices (drivers with no previous Driving School experience) are urged, schedule permitting, to attend an Advanced Driving Skills School run by the Boston Chapter prior to this event as the schedule allows. ADSS school dates are listed in the calendar and are held at NHMS. ADSS is designed to help you better understand your vehicle before coming to the track. There is an additional charge for attending the ADSS. One of the best parts about the HPDS Program is the special venues where programs are offered, including: New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) in Loudon, NH; Lime Rock Park in CT; Palmer Motorsports Park in Palmer MA; Watkins Glen International (WGI), in Watkins Glen, NY; or Le Circuit Mont Tremblant (LCMT) in Mt. Tremblant, Quebec, Canada.

**Event coordinator:**  
**Simon Cooper**

## Wait-list rules

Due to applicant demand and instructor availability, the total number of students that will be admitted is a moving target. We open a set number of slots, but that number may change. If your registration is not one of those initially accepted, you may be wait-listed. Applicants who are wait-listed will receive an email following registration, and will be contacted if openings become available.

## Cancellation and refund policy

Please check the refund policy on the event registration page on the website. New to HPDS? Novice students qualify for a special price incentive. As an added encouragement to attend our already exciting and rewarding Driving Schools, the Boston Chapter will offer a \$100 discounted price to novice students signing up for the first time for a number of our driving schools. In order to participate in the discount program the student must have zero track experience, be a member of BMW CCA, and of course be 18 years old. (Note - Track experience does not include autocross, carting, driving will be placed in our novice run group for the entire day and will be assigned a mentor to help acclimate them with the activities throughout the day.





## Club Racing: *The ultimate driving test*

BMW Club Racing is for BMW CCA members who want the thrill of wheel to wheel competition at the limit of their car's performance in a controlled environment. You can race at the country's most famous race courses and form a great camaraderie with your other racers. Club Racing is managed by BMW CCA Club Racing which is separate from the day to day activities of the Boston Chapter. Club Racing sets and supervises rules and classifications to make for safe, fun competition for those drivers who are at the pinnacle of performance driving. While offering wheel to wheel competition, Club Racing sets guidelines that mandate safety and keep entry costs attainable. The objective is a fun environment that preserves cars and friendships.

### Emphasis on safe and affordable fun

Club Racing runs under what are known as Vintage Racing Rules that were developed by owners of classic race cars that were meant to be driven in competition, but were too valuable to be driven in an environment that allows racing contact. The objective is competition with respect for the equipment. Driving that is too aggressive will result in the "13-13" rule being invoked, which disqualifies aggressive drivers from future events. This results in clean racing.

The rules require that cars be prepared to competition safety standards with roll cages, fire extinguishers and other safety equipment, and the drivers are required to wear full fireproof driving suits, and head restraints for safety. In order to compete for points, the car usually must be a BMW and is classified in competition categories based on weight, horsepower and modifications. It is possible to take an E30 325i that is stock with only safety modifications and race it in Club Racing, or take an ex-PTG or Turner M3 and race with the fast guys. It's up to you and your budget.

### How to get involved in Club Racing

There are several routes to Club Racing. One of the most common is to start with High Performance Driving Schools and work your way up the ladder to become an advanced solo student. Then it is just a matter of attending a Club Racing School, (Schools are run by various chapters in conjunction with HPDS events throughout the year) preparing your car and applying for a license. There are variations on this process and you should check out the Club Racing web site for details, but the bottom line is you need experience and training to qualify for a license. A BMW Club Racing competition license is recognized by many racing sanctioning bodies and can open the door to a variety of racing opportunities. If you are interested in checking out club racing you can attend a Club Race as a spectator, or talk to the Club Racers that normally attend Boston Chapter HPDS events during the year.

And, if you want to really see what it's like, but don't want to invest in a race car to find out, Club Racing schools are run by several chapters in conjunction with HPDS events throughout the year, where you can participate with a car that meets normal driving school requirements, (i.e. no roll cage is needed). To learn more about BMW Club Racing visit [www.bmwclubracing.com](http://www.bmwclubracing.com).

**Event coordinator:**  
**Scott Reiman**







## Tire Rack Street Survival® School: Educating young drivers

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading killer of American youths aged 16 to 19, accounting for more than 40 percent of fatalities in that age bracket. To reduce this number, Tire Rack Street Survival® in cooperation with the BMW CCA Foundation and local BMW CCA Chapters has developed a non-profit, national driver education program aimed at teaching teens the skills they need to stay alive behind the wheel. The Tire Rack Street Survival® school is a safe teen program designed to go beyond today's required driver's education and give teens across the U.S. the driving tools and hands-on experience to become safer, smarter drivers. The program is taught by trained, qualified classroom and in-car driving instructors. Almost all of the work is hands on, but the program also includes a classroom component that provides a lesson in the physics of driving and automotive safety.

Since the primary emphasis of the school is a "hands-on" driving experience in real-world situations, we use the car the young driver uses everyday to teach you about its handling limits and how not to exceed them. Students will learn to look far enough ahead to anticipate unwise actions of other drivers. As the students master the application of physics to drive their cars, they will also make wiser driving actions themselves. The class helps participants understand why they should always wear their own seat belts, and why they should insist that their passengers wear seat belts, too.

Driving exercises include low speed emergency braking in a straight line and while turning, accident avoidance lane change, wet skid pad skid control, and a low speed handling course that combines elements of the various exercises in continuous driving on wet and dry asphalt. You will learn that the class is about more than driving - it's about living! So, it's not surprising that past participants report that they become more observant of traffic situations after completing the program.

### Frequently asked questions

#### How long are Tire Rack Street Survival® events?

This is a one-day class. Most classes start early in the morning and end late in the afternoon.

#### How much is the course?

\$75 per course, per person.

#### What are the age requirements for participants?

Licensed drivers up to age 21 are allowed in the program. The program is no longer open to learner's permits.

#### Will I receive a discount from my auto insurance provider upon completion of a school?

Many auto insurance companies do recognize Tire Rack Street Survival® as an educational program that can count towards premium discounts. Check with your auto insurer to find out more information.



#### Do students have to drive a BMW?

No, absolutely not. We want students to participate in Tire Rack Street Survival® using the car they normally drive so they will understand the response characteristics of the car they drive daily.

#### Does the Tire Rack Street Survival® school provide vehicles to use in the event?

No. Students need to arrive in their own vehicle, or the one that they most frequently drive on a daily basis.

#### Do students wear helmets?

No helmets are required at the schools. All exercises are low-speed events and coaches are in the student's car at all times during these exercises. Can students share a vehicle? If siblings are attending an event together, and the car they both drive on a daily basis is the same, most certainly.

### Event Coordinator: Doug Brown



## Indoor & Outdoor Karting: *Enhance your driving skills year round*

Once the leaves are falling from the trees, the autocross cones are packed away for the winter, and your R-compound tires are in hibernation, it's time for wheel-to-wheel racing karting style. There's no better way to keep your reflexes taut and the adrenaline flowing than by attending our indoor events at the world-class facility of X1 Boston ([www.X1boston.com](http://www.X1boston.com)) in Braintree, MA. Due to the high level of interest members have for karting, the Boston Chapter Karting Program now makes it's way to the X1 Outdoors track in East Bridgewater, MA when the weather gets warmer.

### Real wheel to wheel racing

This is real wheel-to-wheel racing without the expense of maintaining your own club race car, and the g-forces

exceed anything you'll experience at a driving school or autocross. It's also a great way to learn about car control in these open-wheel racing karts. You can see exactly where the wheels are pointed, and then compare their location with what direction the kart actually ends up going. Then the next time into a given corner you can alter your line and see how the kart responds with your new inputs.

### Come once or for the series

Each year the program generally offers a Karting Challenge Series indoors plus individual sprint events and a team enduro outdoors. The series consists of Sprint qualifying rounds run at F1 Boston on three separate weekends during the Fall and Winter. Each of these events consists of three, 12 lap races and a 15 lap runoff. Runoffs are composed of the 12 drivers with the fastest "average" lap times (add up your fastest lap in the 3 races and divide by 3). The top 5 finishers in the runoff are invited to compete in the Joint Track Championship Event at the end of the Winter season. If there's a repeat qualifier in the 2nd or 3rd Sprint round, then

the 6th finisher in the runoff will qualify, and so on if there are other repeaters.

### Next up, Team Enduro

The Team Enduro event at F1 Outdoors has 15 teams of 3 or 4 drivers who compete for bragging rights. You can assemble your own team for this event, or enter solo and be assigned to a team. The Enduro is a 90 minute race that has 8 mandatory pit stops. The timing of the stops and driver changes is determined by each team. The objective is to run fast, run clean, and not get hung up in the pit lane for too long. The karts are also more powerful and can reach speeds in excess of 50 mph. While this may not seem fast in the luxurious confines of your "Ultimate Driving Machine," sitting a couple of inches from the ground with no suspension, you'll definitely become one with the kart – and those corners will come up on you really fast!

### Championship events

Since you have to earn your spot in the Indoor Karting Challenge Championship Round by your performance in one of the three Sprint qualifying races, registration is "by invitation only."

At left, Boston Chapter Karting goes outside in warmer weather (top photo) and inside when the snow threatens to fall. Either way, it's fun!





There will be a five minute practice session for everyone to warm up themselves and the tires. Then, two qualifying races of 11 laps each and a 15 lap championship race. Grid order in Qualifying Race #1 is based upon the fastest lap times from the Sprint Rounds. Qualifying Race #2 grid order will be inverted from the finish of Race #1 (winner starts 16, second place starts 15, etc.). Grid for the championship race is determined by points earned in the two qualifiers with lap times as the tie breaker. All 16 drivers will be on track for the entire event, and the top three finishers receive trophies.

## A professional experience

Our events at X1 Outdoors all take place on the nearly mile long Grand Prix circuit. The format for individual Sprint events is similar to the indoor karting challenge qualifiers described above, and the day's winner receives their trophy on the spot. Just like the Rolex 24 or Lemans, the winner of the Enduro is the team that completes the most laps at the end of the allotted time; and trophies are awarded to each member of the winning team.

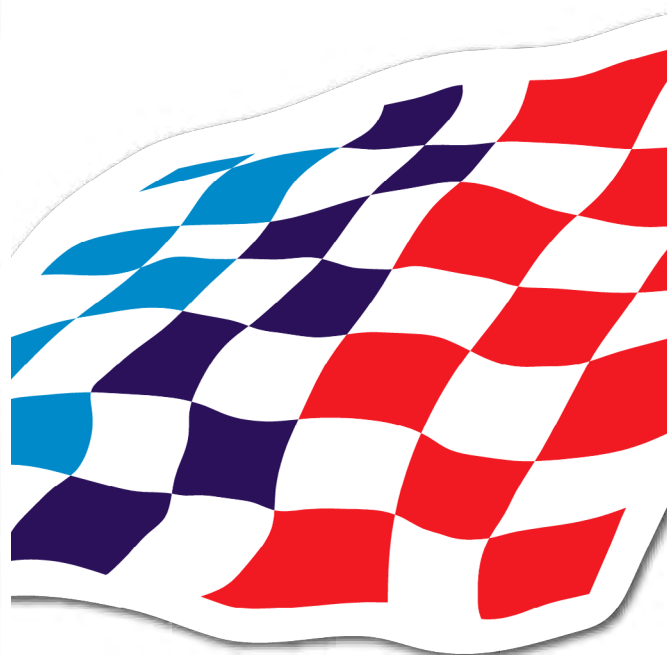


Many members tell us that karting offers the most bang for the buck. Seen here is a slice of the outdoor course the chapter uses during warm weather.

## Costs & eligibility

One of the best things about karting is that all you need to do is arrive and drive, be 18 years old, and have a valid drivers license. You can certainly bring your own full-face helmet or driving suit if you own them, but if you don't, X1 Boston provides all the necessary equipment. Times vary so check the online calendar for the schedule. Registration is on line and the costs vary slightly per event, but are normally under \$100.

So plan to join the fun this year both indoors and outdoors on the same track that professional kart racers drive. The only difference being that their shifter karts hit speeds in excess of 100 mph on the X1 Outdoors Grand Prix circuit. If you wish to learn more about the X1 Outdoors facility, what they like to call the "gold standard of kart racing venues," go to their website at [www.X1outdoors.com](http://www.X1outdoors.com).





## Social & Technical Activities

*Fun, friends and learning along the way*

The Boston Chapter offers a full calendar of social and educational events. Chapter VP and Activities Director, Larry Barbieri, coordinates activities that include food, friends, education, information, and just plain fun. VP Larry Barbieri, Director John Sullivan, and Rhode Island representative John Cox arrange several Rhode Island Events including undercarriage tech sessions, the Rhode Island Show and Shine Event in Narragansett, and a series of Cars & Coffee events in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The following pages will give you an overview of the types of activities the Boston Chapter holds each year and the caliber of speakers we recruit.

### Quarterly Meetings:

With nationally recognized speakers

One of the highlights of Boston Chapter membership is the opportunity to attend quarterly meetings where nationally recognized speakers make presentations on industry related topics. In coordination with these events, many dealerships offer special discounts to BMW CCA members in attendance. The speakers change every year, but we do ask back perennial favorites. Past speakers that the Boston Chapter has hosted include:

- Mike Renner, Director of the BMW Performance Center
- BMW North American Motor Sport Brand Manager, Alex Schmuck
- Will Turner of Turner Motorsport
- Mario Langsten of Vintage Sports and Racing.
- Renowned BMW photographer, Klaus Schnitzer.
- Steve Dinan of Dinan Cars, CA.
- Rob Siegel the Roundel's Hack Mechanic
- Brian Redman BMW Factory Racer extraordinaire

### Technical & Educations Sessions:

Featuring regional specialists

The Boston Chapter also sponsors small group technical and educational sessions where members can talk one on one with technicians and specialists. It's a great way to get to know other Chapter members and to develop a relationship with a local service provider. Some of the programs that the Boston Chapter has sponsored over the past few years include:

### Undercarriage technical sessions

These programs are designed to give you a first hand look under your own car, and learn things to look and listen for when driving. No actual work is done on the cars, but trained technicians help you assess the condition and areas that may need work at a future service appointment.

Service providers who have conducted these programs include:

- Import AutoWerks, Braintree, MA
- BMW Gallery, Norwood, MA
- South Shore BMW, Rockland, MA
- North Shore Motorwerks, Peabody, MA
- BMW of Warwick, RI
- South Shore Motorsport Kingston, M)
- Oxford Motorcars, East Providence, RI
- German Motors, Providence, RI
- Herb Chambers BMW, Boston, MA

### Special educational programs

Each year the Boston Chapter reaches out to special organizations and experts to share their knowledge with Club Members. Some of these special events have brought members together for both social and educational enrichment. Some of these special educational events have included :

- Race car driving talk by renowned driver, Brian Redman
- Paintless Dent Removal, Dent Craft, N. Reading, MA
- Intro to iRacing, HMS Motorsport, Danvers, MA
- Oxford Motorcars, Warwick, RI

### Your input needed!

If you have an idea for a future program, drop the Activities Coordinator or any board member a note. The Chapter is always looking for new ideas.





Everyone loves a car show, including the kids. Shown above is a scene from Concours, below a photo from the annual Rhode Island Fun Rally.

## Special events:

### Concours and Show & Shine events

Boston Chapter's annual Concours d'Elegance is one of the most widely attended events of the year. In 2019, 189 BMWs and MINIs participated at the picturesque Larz Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline, MA. The event involves a fun day of friends, cars, and awards and is designed so that even an everyday driver is eligible to win. Our Chapter's Concours has classes for everyone. So if you think that a Concours is only for those people who trailer their car and never drive it, think again! Even your daily driver or your autocross car is eligible to participate, and all participants are eligible to win awards. The field always includes a great selection of cars, from classics to the latest models, including MINIs too! So there is a classification for everyone. If you belong to a specialty BMW/MINI club, we encourage you to make Concours a special day for your entire group. In the past we've hosted gatherings of 2002s, and M3s that made the event even more interesting. We also encourage BMW CCA members from other Chapters to drive in for the day to help celebrate all things BMW. You can Pre-Register on line, so we know you're coming. Display Only is a great class to participate in if you do not wish to take the time to clean your car for the Concours! A full list of event categories and registration guidelines will be announced on the Chapter website and in the Boston Bimmer, so watch for full details.



Starting in 2012, the annual Boston Chapter Concours was moved to the beautiful grounds of the Larz Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline, MA. It was such a success that since then Boston Chapter Concours d' Elegance returns each year to this majestic venue, so watch for updates on line and in the Boston Bimmer.

The Concours coordinators also invite you to help manage this year's event. It's a great way to meet members , to learn how car competitions are judged and to have a lot of fun along the way! Look for an email link on the Chapter website to contact a team member.

The Boston Chapter has also added a Show & Shine event in Rhode Island and welcomed a full field of cars. The RI Show & Shine in Narragansett, RI has become a popular car show as well. Held in August or September, the event is sponsored by BMW of Warwick, RI. The Show is held across the street from the Beach in Narragansett (behind the towers). Come join us!



## Spring & Fall Fun Rallies

At least twice a year, Boston Chapter members hit the road for a low key, no-heavy-lifting tour of the countryside called a Fun Rally. These family friendly events lead members on a fact-finding and sightseeing cross country trip that ends with prizes for the winning teams and lunch at a local restaurant. Over the past few years Chapter Rally Meisters have canvassed New England to develop scenic and educational Fun Rally's for Chapter Members. John Sullivan coordinates publicity, registration and arranges for prizes. Together this team has planned events that have taken members on trips through territory rich in historical significance, regional trivia and beautiful scenery. No matter the theme, these events make "a drive in the country" an event to remember, and a chance to meet other Boston Chapter members. Watch the Boston Bimmer and the Chapter website for details of future Fun Rallies.



## BMW CCA O'Fest

The Hallmark event of BMW CCA is the annual Oktoberfest. This all-in-one event includes, concours, autocross, club racing, performance driving, nationally recognized speakers, and tours of local sites. The event is always held at a prominent North American race track, steeped in tradition. Members who attend regularly, tell us there's something for everyone, whether you love to compete (on & off the track), improve your driving skills or just have a good time. If you're a racer, a tuner, a cruiser – or if you just love BMWs – you won't want to miss Oktoberfest 2021 in Hilton, Head, South Carolina. BMW has promised to have some very interesting BMW's from their European collection! The event will be held in conjunction with the Hilton Head Island Concours on November 3-6, 2021. Log on to the BMW CCA website at [www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org) for details and registration.



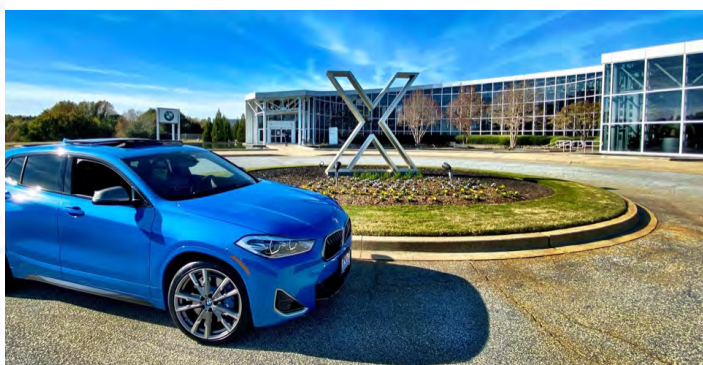
## Performance Driving-related Travel

The National BMW CCA office has developed a series of events that combine love of travel and performance driving. Special events in the past have included a women only track and spa event and a Mid-South adventure that included performance driving with a chance to ride in vintage race cars and visit a world class concours event. In addition, High Performance Driving Schools are hosted at the BMW Performance Center in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Many of the people who attend these events become close friends and return every year to reconnect. For future performance driving travel opportunities, check the Roundel and BMWCCA.org for details on upcoming events.

## Get Social!

If you have an idea for a future program, drop the activities coordinator or any board member a note. We also encourage you to follow the Boston Chapter Facebook page and Facebook group, as well as the Boston Chapter Instagram [@bbmwcca](https://www.instagram.com/bbmwcca), to stay up-to-date on all things Boston Chapter!



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