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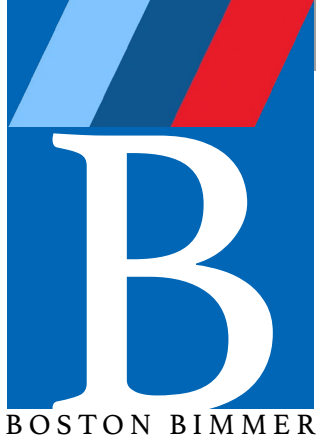
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## President's Message

*Larry Barbieri*

Welcome to Fall in New England. Is there a better time in a better place? Ok, I know it's rained every weekend since we can all remember but let's not focus on that. Instead, let's plan to get out on those nice days and take our BMWs to some remote, scenic location and just enjoy the fall. Let's sample something special or find a local farm that is making homemade apple spice donuts; a cup of freshly brewed local coffee would go great with that donut before heading out on the next leg of your journey.

The club had a great summer and I hope many of you had the chance to participate in some of our events. We had several Cars and Coffee events and our annual Concours at Prowse Farm in Canton, Massachusetts was a great success. There were undercarriage tech events and the driving events committee was busy planning and running autocross and high performance driving schools. We even had a combination event earlier this month where a group of members met up for a scenic drive up to Tamworth, New Hampshire. Upon arrival, they were greeted by 100 enthusiastic driving school students and instructors, and members had the opportunity to drive around the race track at Club Motorsport for some parade laps. Those wanting more could sign up for some hot laps with one of our highly qualified driving instructors.

The year isn't over yet - there is still more to come, like the Holiday House Decorating event in December. See the Ultimate Calendar on the Boston Chapter website. Check back often, as new events are being planned and added all the time.

We're a club of enthusiasts at our core and we want to hear what you have to say! If you have an idea or just want to make a comment, please contact any board or staff member and let them know. We want this to be YOUR club!

Until next time,

Larry



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- You must be a member in good standing for a year prior to delivery of your vehicle or six months prior to delivery of your vehicle if you purchase a three year or longer membership. Membership cannot lapse or the clock starts again.
- You need to file for the rebate within 60 days of the delivery of the vehicle. Make sure the paperwork you receive from the dealer indicates the delivery date and all other required information.
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**If you have questions, please send them to: [rewards@bmwcca.org](mailto:rewards@bmwcca.org)**

Remember that Associate Members are currently also eligible for rebates, which is a great deal. We have been able to help members who had some issues with rebates but it is not always the case. The best policy is to follow the rules and file on time.

Thank you,

**Matt Bagedonow**  
Membership Chair

## Use Your BMWCCA Membership and Save!

See page 22 for a complete list of BMW Centers and their discounts.



# Save the Date!

Holiday House Decorating  
THURSDAY DECEMBER 14



ON THE COVER:  
Doug Crowley's  
2004 E46 330ci  
Convertible

WINNER OF 2023  
CONCOURS  
D'ELEGANCE

EDITOR'S  
DESK

Welcome to the spring/summer 2023 double issue!

As your faithful editor, I feel I owe the Boston Bimmer readership a sincere apology for the delay between issues. Due to one of the busiest summers I've had in quite some time, I had to skew my usual publishing timeline a bit. The result is the double issue you see here before you. Keep an eye out for the fall issue, as I plan to publish it before year end. Thank you for your patience!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and was able to attend some of the wonderful events the Boston Chapter hosted. Perhaps you tried your hand at autocross for the first time or finally decided to get your BMW out on the track. Maybe you took your vehicle on a trip somewhere in New England. However you spent your summer, hopefully you logged plenty of quality miles with friends and family. As always, please be sure to check out [The Ultimate Calendar](#) for information on future events!

Feeling social? I highly recommend following the Boston Chapter's Instagram account, where you can stay up to date on news, upcoming events, and stay in touch with other members. I also encourage you to share photos of your car using #bostonbmwcca. You can also directly message us to be featured in our Chapter stories. Follow: @bostonbmwcca today! Also be sure to check out the [Boston Chapter's Facebook page](#).

As a reminder, the Boston Bimmer is all electronic and delivered to your email address on file with BMW CCA National. Please, make sure that your membership with [BMW CCA National is up to date and we have your correct email](#). If you have friends within the chapter that are missing their Bimmer, they may be among the small group that do not have up to date contact information. Please, do help us in reaching out to those folks so we can keep them current on the Bimmer but also event alerts and updates.

Also, on the Boston Chapter website, there are two versions of the Bimmer to view: a landscape version (including full spreads) for desktop and a portrait version (no spreads) for mobile devices.

Do you have a BMW story you want to share? Email me: [editor@boston-bmwcca.org](mailto:editor@boston-bmwcca.org) (I will accept MINI and Rolls Royce) to be included in an upcoming issue of the Bimmer. We want to hear all about your adventures and experiences and so does the Boston Chapter readership!

As always, feel free to drop me a line with any questions, comments, or if you just want to talk BMW.

Eric





# DON'T STOP UNTIL YOU SEE THE



WORDS BY **LARRY BARBIERI**

STILLS BY **LARRY BARBIERI AND VALERI CAPRIGNO**

**IN JUNE, BOSTON CHAPTER MEMBERS EMABRKED  
ON A 900-MILE JOURNEY TO SOUTH CAROLINA FOR  
THE ANNUAL MiX FEST.**





If you have ever been on the fence about attending MiX Fest, I hope this article changes your mind. Last year's MX Fest was rebranded this year to MiX Fest, reflecting the inclusion of electrics to the CCA MX event. It took place in Greer, South Carolina and the surrounding area and had an impressive agenda of planned events and plenty of alternate activities.

I had never been before but thought it would be a fun vacation for my wife, Nina, and I. The 900-mile-long road trip out of New England was a first for us. The organizers set up caravans from several areas around the country. We joined the two-day journey to South Carolina from the Boston area. Our caravan started in Worcester, Massachusetts and our first stop was an overnight in Manassas, Virginia; we had a fun dinner at the Jukebox Diner.





We headed to Greer on Thursday and arrived in time for dinner. Our caravan was light at the start, with just three vehicles. However, at various stops along the way we picked up more and more drivers. By the time we got to Greer we were nearly 30 people strong in about 20 vehicles.

We had some heavy rain along the way but with safe driving and the superb handling of our BMWs we made the best of it, though planned stops for lunch and dinner were a welcome respite from the driving. Nina and I were able to share the driving so it was easier on us than those who were driving alone. Once in Greer we checked in to our hotel, a very nice and recently constructed Hampton Inn. The rooms were very spacious and the service staff was helpful and friendly. We enjoyed a late dinner at Blue Ridge Brewery in the quaint downtown Greer area.

On Friday morning Nina and I parted ways. She went on a scenic driving tour that would end at the Mountain Brook Winery. The drive was filled with spectacular views and finished off with some decent wine. I was off to the BMW Performance Center for a half-day driving event.

The Performance Center event started with a meeting in the large open area, not unlike a cafeteria. They provided us with some coffee and pastries. In addition, there was a full kitchen and some attendees took the opportunity to purchase a breakfast that looked darn good!





Our day was a collection of different events that we could cycle through. The events available were hot laps with Mike Renner; instructor lead/follow driving new M3s and M4s; an autocross course in M235s; a wet skid pad “rat race” (also in M235s); and the X3 and X5 course taking those vehicles through some gnarly terrain and deep water.

For those that do not know, Mike Renner runs the driving programs at the Performance Center. He is a former racer, amazing driver, and a terrific guy. He has come up to Boston a couple of times to speak at our quarterly meetings. I hope to get him back up here again this year. Mike gave the hot laps in an M3 Competition car, which is a four door vehicle, so we used the back seat and he took us out three at a time. It was an exhilarating experience even for myself, who has a lot of track time under his belt. The next event was the autocross. It is an exercise in rapid acceleration and deceleration, quick turning, and precise stopping at the end. I enjoyed this event despite my mediocre times for the course.

The “Rat Race” was done on a wet oval course. Cars lined up two at a time on opposite sides of the oval and tried to get around as quickly as possible, while trying to catch the person in the other car. Although some thought the idea was to get the back out and drift around the corner, that is not the fastest way around. They learned from experienced instructors that maintaining grip is the secret.

Unfortunately, I cannot comment on the X3/X5 activity because it had closed down before I had a chance to try it out. I did have a chance to speak with those that did do it, and they were all amazed at the performance of the vehicles. One person said to me, “I will never call those SUVs ‘grocery getters’ again!” I think that says it all.

After our event ended, I hitched a ride out to the winery where the driving tour was just starting to arrive. It was a beautiful afternoon and we all sat out at the picnic tables under a shaded area and sipped wine and nibbled on some good snacks.



**CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT:** xDrive handles the wet conditions along the way; Boston Chapter Bimmers gather for lunch on day two; participants watch some polishing techniques are demonstrated at the Performance Center; folks mingle amongst themselves inside the Performance Center.





After a fun day of driving, the evening concluded with many of us gathering at a local brewery for some socializing. The picnic table setup at 13 Stripes Brewery lent itself well to continued conversations with our new BMW friends, as well as including some local folks in on the fun.

On Saturday morning there was a concours type event held at the CCA Headquarters. The large grass field easily accommodated all those that wished to show off their cars. During our time walking around looking at some amazing cars, we were tasked with choosing a favorite, "People's Choice" vehicle.

After leaving the CCA Headquarters, we went over to the Ultimate Driving Museum. They were having a special exhibit of BMW motorcycles and BMW vehicles powered by motorcycle engines. The collection was impressive and the museum was informative.



Later in the day, we took a side trip to Greenville, South Carolina based on many recommendations and it was well worth it. Greenville is a vibrant city with a beautiful downtown area complete with a river and waterfalls running through it (and a very cool pedestrian suspension bridge). There are also a lot of quaint shops and art studios. We enjoyed lunch at a fun little Mexican-style place and then headed back to Greer. We had a BBQ to get to!

Back at the CCA headquarters on Saturday evening we enjoyed a wonderful BBQ. The weather was spectacular again and all the food and drink was planned perfectly. During the event, we were treated to an impressive display of items up for bid in a silent auction. Posters, models, autographed memorabilia, and even a fender from a race car were available for bids.

We were lucky enough to be there for the Greer Freedom Blast celebration. A fireworks display was easily visible to us as we sat by the hotel pool with our new friends.

Sunday's planned event was to watch the IMSA race, again at the CCA headquarters. However, we had other plans. We have cousins that live near Myrtle Beach and a daughter that lives in Wilmington, North Carolina. So, we headed out to visit with both of them for one night each. Then, very early on Tuesday, we pointed the car north and headed for Massachusetts. We arrived home at about 10:30 PM, exhausted but happy for all the new friends, fun, and adventure we had on our trip. Our trusty X1 "grocery getter" logged just over 2,400 miles on this trip and never complained. [B](#)

**CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT:** 13 Stripes Brewery in Taylors, South Carolina; a few Boston Chapter Members discover a stowaway; some original BMW art pieces line the halls of the Performance Center.



# *In Memoriam*



## **The Boston Chapter remembers Manuel De Sousa**

Mr. De Sousa, of East Providence, was a longtime member of the Boston Chapter whose vehicle was once featured on the cover of an issue of Boston Bimmer. The Boston Chapter offers its deepest condolences to Mr. De Sousa's family, friends, and all who knew him.





# California LOVE

## THE BOSTON CHAPTER INVADES THE WEST COAST

WORD AND STILLS: **VALERIE CAPRIGNO**

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**T**wo of the CCA's newest chapters, M and X, hit the road and headed to the West Coast to participate in Bimmer Invasion over the Labor Day weekend. One of the coolest benefits of being part of our non-geographic chapters is the opportunity to interact with fellow Bimmer nerds from around the country. And the long weekend in Los Angeles for Bimmer Invasion did not disappoint.

We kicked off the weekend with some spirited team work amongst the Los Angeles, M and X chapters. Those of us that flew in from the East Coast met Kyle van Hoften from the Los Angeles Chapter (and resident BimmerLife celebrity) to load up our vehicles with the supplies we would need to represent the CCA during Bimmer Invasion on Sunday. Once the heavy lifting was done, Kyle acted as the consummate host and gave us a driving tour of the area that led us to one of his favorite

In addition to each other's company, we enjoyed some delicious food and drinks with a great view and lots of laughs. On Saturday, most of the team headed to the Petersen Automotive Museum to check out the collection and enjoy some tourist activities in LA. On behalf of the X chapter, I hosted a fun rally through the Angeles National Forrest. I had no idea Angeles Crest Highway existed before planning the Saturday drive and to find out it's only an hour from Los Angeles? What a treat!

We began the day with a driver's meeting at the host hotel in Monrovia, California. From there we headed into the Angeles National Forest to enjoy Angeles Crest Highway. With recent weather and fire issues in the area, the Highway was only opened to Mount Wilson Observatory, just a small portion of the twisty mountain route.









**ABOVE:** Valerie's rented X3 poses with an M240i from the San Diego Chapter.

Despite the short span and the rainy weather, we had an amazing drive filled with plenty of twists and turns, spotting some cool Bimmers and taking a chance to stop for a few photos along the way. Joining me were brothers, Ed and Zach, from the San Diego Chapter. Zach, a new CCA member, recently acquired his M240i a month or so prior and hadn't had a chance to really enjoy it yet. Before our drive he had only driven it a short distance to and from work and was excited to get some quality time in the driver's seat.

Upon navigating up to Mount Wilson Observatory, we headed over to Tujunga Dam overlook which served as a great chance to get some photos of our Bimmers. From there we headed over the mountains and across the desert to the historic Rock Inn in Lake Hughes, California, which served as our lunch stop for the day. Over lunch we traded stories of how we had started with the brand, what we love and hate about it...and of course enjoyed a delicious meal. ever they find themselves in the Boston area, I will be sure to give them a tour of my favorite pot holes, since our roads are not nearly as fabulous as what I found in the Angeles National Forest.

The second half of the day planned to take advantage of my rental X3's off road capabilities with soft roading. I navigated to Lake Hughes Truck Trail, listed as a great soft road trail for beginners. The trail is just under 18 miles out and back with an elevation change of about 3,500 feet. Due to the road conditions and weather (and the fact that I was driving a rental car without any "emergency" gear), I abandoned my plan to run the 18-mile round trip about halfway through. What I did get to experience before turning back, however, was pretty fabulous. At slower speeds, you are able to enjoy the scenery and appreciate some of the real capabilities of the X vehicles.

The truck trail was not busy at all, which gave me plenty of room and time to teach myself how to navigate the hills, ruts and bumps of the road. You can be sure that the few people I encountered along the way - a mix of pickup trucks, hikers and ATVs - did a double take when they saw a BMW making its way along the trail! Once I decided to abandon my attempt at soft roading, I made my way back to civilization and joined the rest of the crew for dinner and final planning for the next day's big event.





Bright and early Sunday morning, we convened at the host hotel and made our way to the Irwindale Speedway. Arrival was chaotic, as all of the vendors were lined up waiting for the gates to open so we could setup our respective tents. Our awesome friends at Bimmer Invasion set the CCA and BMW Performance Center up with a prime spot at the heart of vendors' row. We had space for 12 booth cars, which included everything from the 1930 BMW Dixi or DA2 (the oldest known BMW in the U.S.) to a 2023 X5 rented by one of my fellow X Chapter governors, Afshawn Twofighi. With the exception of Afshawn's rental, all of the cars on display at our booth were owned by local CCA members who came out to help us represent the club - and the variety of cars truly did a fabulous job at showcasing not just what we drive but who we are.

The day was a whirlwind of activities - Bimmer Invasion is not just a car show, it's a car show on steroids! Activities included a judged car show with VIP display area, burnout and exhaust competitions, drag racing and a whole lot of BMW geeking out. We were in good company in vendors' row with some of our favorite brands represented, including BBS, LiquiMoly, RW Carbon, and Gyeon, among others. Following the exhaust competition, the winning E30 found its way to our booth so attendees could check out the E30's specs and the crazy cool trophy it earned!



**ABOVE:** This 1er passes the smell test. **LEFT:** The treacherous truck trail.





Personally, my favorite part of participating in Bimmer Invasion were the people. All of us came together in Irwindale because of our shared passion for BMW. I was able to meet such a great cross section of our existing membership, new members who were excited to see what we offered and wanted to be part of it enough to sign up on the spot, and other folks who stopped by just to say hello, check out the cars on display, and learn a bit about the club. Being part of the Los Angeles, San Diego, M, and X Chapter leadership team that made the weekend happen was such an honor.

From opposite coasts, we worked together to pull off what turned out to be not only an incredible time but also a great way to find some new friends to go driving with next time I am on the West Coast. And of course - if ever they find themselves in the Boston area, I will be sure to give them a tour of my favorite pot holes, since our roads are not nearly as fabulous as what I found in the Angeles National Forest. [B](#)



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# AUTOCROSS



BY LAURA ROSEN

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It was another great autocross season at Moore Army Airfield at Fort Devens, located near downtown Ayer, Massachusetts. This year featured two novice schools, where some new folks were introduced to the sport, and eight points events to compete for season trophies in both our BMW and non-BMW classes.

Autocross is an exciting pastime of the Boston Chapter. Drivers race against the clock through an obstacle course of traffic cones laid out on a wide open strip of asphalt, vying for the quickest lap time. In fact, when not being used by the Boston Chapter the area is where the Massachusetts State Police Academy conducts its car control training exercises! Drivers of all experience levels are welcome and encouraged to attend. Even if novices cannot attend the novice school, there are instructors at every points event. Come experience the thrill of autocross for yourself! **B**





## FULL RESULTS TO BE POSTED TO THE BOSTON CHAPTER WEBSITE

						Points from each event											
CLASS	FIRST	LAST	CAR#	NOVICE	MODEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL POINTS	PLACE	
a	Luke	Lu	906		2002 BMW M3									0.5	0.5		
						Points from each event											
CLASS	FIRST	LAST	CAR#	NOVICE	MODEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL POINTS	PLACE	
b	Ralph	Zajac	207		2013 BMW M3	0.5	3	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2	2	1	
b	Jeremy	Potash	34		2003 BMW M3									2	2		
b	Read	Fleming	781		2003 BMW M3		2	0.5	3	2				7.5	3		
b	Hunter	Sergey	445		1995 BMW M3								2	2			
b	Jeffrey	DeNunzio	382		2002 BMW m3								4		4		
b	Michael	Banic	18		2018 BMW M2						5				5		
b	Bill	Truslow	104		2019 BMW M4						5				5		
b	Sam	Elias	51		2013 BMW						8				8		
b	Claude	Clerc	4		2010 BMW M3 Coupe						4	3	3		10		
b	Trevor	Behrens	145	NOVICE	2023 BMW M3						6	4			10		
b	Melinda	Rothstein	114		2018 BMW M4	2					7	3			12		
b	Ian	Amit	363	NOVICE	2003 BMW M3						0						
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c	Max	Mayo	138		2017 BMW M2						0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2	1	
c	John	McPhartian	191		2007 BMW 24 3.0i Coupe	2	0.5	2			0.5	2		2	5	2	
c	marcus	bush	209		2009 BMW 128i		0.5	0	0.5	4	2	3	2	3	5	2	
c	Audra	Tella	38		2017 BMW M2						3	3	4	3	13	4	
c	Oliver	Wikina	555		2018 BMW M2						4	2	3	0	4	13	
c	Jeffrey	Jolicœur	888		2013 BMW 335i xdrive	4					5	4	5	0	18	6	
c	John	Leahy	121		2002 BMW M3		2								2		
c	Jeremy	Potash	34		2003 BMW M3		3								3		
c	Edward	Rogers	745		2018 BMW M2						4				4		
c	Michael	Banic	18		2018 BMW M2		7								4		
c	Miro	Jelicic	294		2021 BMW M2 Competition		6	3							9		
c	Gregory	White	79		2018 BMW M2						5		6	4	15		
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d	Rich	Barron	664		2019 BMW 220i	0.5					0.5	0.5	0.5	2	0	2	1
d	Eric	Schaper	205		2008 BMW 128i						0.5				0.5		
d	John	Stamatov	411		1997 BMW Z3		2								2		
d	Aaron	Jones	661	NOVICE	2016 BMW 228i xDrive						2				2		
d	Julian	Piccone	666	NOVICE	2016 BMW 228i xDrive										3		
d	Andrea	Varutti	333		2019 BMW 230i						2	0.5	0.5		3		
d	Lowell	Blackman	338		2013 BMW 335i xDrive									0.5	3		
d	Yu-Chi	Cheng	397	NOVICE	2023 BMW M240xi									3	3		
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e	Richard	Lewis	223		1994 BMW 325i	2	0.5	2	2	3	3				6.5	2	
e	Kevin	Marzotto	671		BMW 335i						3	3	2	2	10	3	
e	Jacky	Chu	72		2015 BMW 228xi						4	4	2	0.5	10.5	4	
e	Bob	Mendelson	323		1999 BMW 323i	3	2	6	4	4	5	3	3		11	5	
e	Rick	Pierson	937		2011 BMW 328i xDrive (E92)									2	2		
e	Marc	Blaustein	12	NOVICE	2019 Mini Clubman S	4									4		
e	Geoffrey	Featherstone	9	NOVICE	2006 BMW 330e										4		
e	Aaron	Hatley	80		2021 BMW 330xe						5				5		
e	Julian	Piccone	228		2016 BMW 228i							5			5		
e	Sam	Creasey	243		2006 BMW 330xi								6		6		
e	John	Stamatov	411	NOVICE	1997 BMW Z3						7				7		
e	Amora	Velic	150		2009 BMW 528i							7			7		
e	Janet	Creasey	342	NOVICE	2006 BMW 330xi									7	7		
e	James	Juliano	130		2014 BMW 435xi						4	5	6		15		
e	Lola	Velic	501	NOVICE	2009 BMW 528i							7	9	4	10	3	
e	Crystal	Juliano	131		2014 BMW 435xi						3	6	8		17		
e	Viviane	Alvarenga	777		BMW X6M5									0			
e	Dor	Vaknin	992		2022 BMW 230i									0			
						Points from each event											
CLASS	FIRST	LAST	CAR#	NOVICE	MODEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL POINTS	PLACE	
f	Zaid	Buatti	321	NOVICE	2002 BMW 325i						0.5				0.5		
f	Conor	Feely	393		2002 BMW 330i										0.5		
f	Devin	Kinsella	54	NOVICE	2005 BMW 325Ci							0.5			0.5		
f	Jared	Goldman	744	NOVICE	2003 Mini Cooper										0		
f	Zachary	Goldman	844	NOVICE	2003 Mini Cooper										0		
f	Lowell	Blackman	338		2013 BMW 335i xDrive						0	0	0				
f	Dan	Baumgartner	113	NOVICE	2014 BMW 428iX Convertible									0			
f	Kendall	Lynch	127		2013 BMW 528i										0		
						Points from each event											
CLASS	FIRST	LAST	CAR#	NOVICE	MODEL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL POINTS	PLACE	
g	Mark	Ponovsky	89		2002 Chevrolet Corvette Z06						2	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	4.5	1
g	Gareth	Peters	37		2016 Porsche GT4										0.5		
g	Rachel	Baker	35		2022 Porsche GT4	0.5	0.5					2	2	3	5	2	
g	Daniel	Quaroni	404		2021 Porsche 718 Spyder	2	3	0.5	5	0	7				10.5	4	
g	Bill	Aubin	61		2020 Porsche GT4	3	0	4	4	9	4	4			15	5	
g	Doug	DeFonzo	41		2008 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport						5	8	4	5	5	19	6
g	Norik	Kocharyan	3		2010 Porsche 911 GT3	5	6	5	7						23	7	
g	Jeff	Johnson	40		2018 Porsche Cayman GT5	6	8				6	6			26	8	
g	Jacob	Ronald	193		2023 Toyota GR Corolla										2		
g	William	Koscielny	11		2019 Acura NSX								2		2		
g	Jeff	Bakken	102		2019 Ohio Sportsmobile									4	4		
g	Samuel	Elias	51	NOVICE	2023 Tesla Model 3 Performance						6				6		
g	Christian	Iantosca	700		2016 Porsche Cayman GT4	7									7		
g	Catie	Pierce	139		2023 Toyota GR Corolla										7		
g	Michael	Canny	57		2018 Alfa Romeo Giulia							9			9		
g	Jeremy	Potash	34		2003 BMW M3										9		
g	Ed	Moschella	911		2012 Porsche Cayman R						7	3			10		
g	Luka	Rosen	141		2018 Tesla 3										10		
g	Laura	Rosen	141		2018 Chevrolet Grand Sport										10		
g	Julio	Colque	77		2008 Lexus ISF							11			11		
g	Charles	Stromeyer	707		2010 Porsche GT3 RS							0	0	11	11		
	Lisa	Burke	12		2023 Porsche Cayman GT5 4.0										11		
	Steve	Belliveau	10		2019 Ohio Sportsmobile										6	11	
	Darren	Baldwin	745		2018 Porsche Cayman GT5 4.0										12	12	
	Jonathan	Bond	711		2018 Porsche 718 Cayman GT5	4					6	3			12	13	
	Laura	Rosam	350		2015 Chevrolet Corvette										13	13	
	Erick	Aubin	754		2021 Porsche Cayman GT5 4.0 4.0	4	0				5			8	17	17	
	Darren	Baldwin	588		2019 Ford Mustang						9	10			19		
	Mathew	Nieman	17		2023 Chevrolet Corvette										9	10	
	Larry	Levin	42	NOVICE	2022 Porsche Cayman GT5 4.0 4.0										15	5	
	Santosh	Patil	221		1996 Mercedes-Benz C36 AMG						12			0	19	20	





# BOSTON CHAPTER

2023

## Concours d'Elegance

WORDS: JOHN SULLIVAN | STILLS: LARRY LEVIN



JULY 30, 2023

PROWSE FARM

CANTON, MA







**ABOVE:** Jan Mark Holzer puts the finishing touches on his 2020 X5 M Competition. **LEFT:** Concours winner Doug Crowley's pristine E46.

In prior years, the weather leading up to the annual Boston Chapter Concours d'Elegance has either been wet or extremely hot - without much in between. We were in our second year sited at Prowse Farm/MEDITECH in Canton, Massachusetts near the base of Blue Hill. We once again had with us our beloved deejay Sean Green spinning some great music for us during the event.

The participants took their microfiber towels and tire dressings to our relatively new site. Prowse Farm is a restored, historic mansion with elegantly landscaped grounds perfect for a large showing of BMW automobiles. BMWs lined the open field abutting the house, adjacent to an old horse race track and the MEDITECH building. Lush green trees and white split rail fences provided a bucolic backdrop for E9s, E24s, E30s, E46s, E90s, and more.

The weather, although hot, was breezy, clear and beautiful, and the turnout of cars shone and sparkled in the sunlight. Myriad BMW could be found, from older generations dating back to the mid 20th century, to newer generations from the late 90s into the 2000s, to BMWs with only a few thousand miles showing on the odometer.

One could easily become lost in a sea of German engineering such as this; thankfully, the field was divided by Concours classes to help the crowd navigate the different BMWs before them. The classes were broken out by age first (vintage, modern and late), and then by condition (clean, super clean or concours). So, if you came upon an 2004 E46 convertible in flawless condition, chances are you would find it parked in the Concours section.



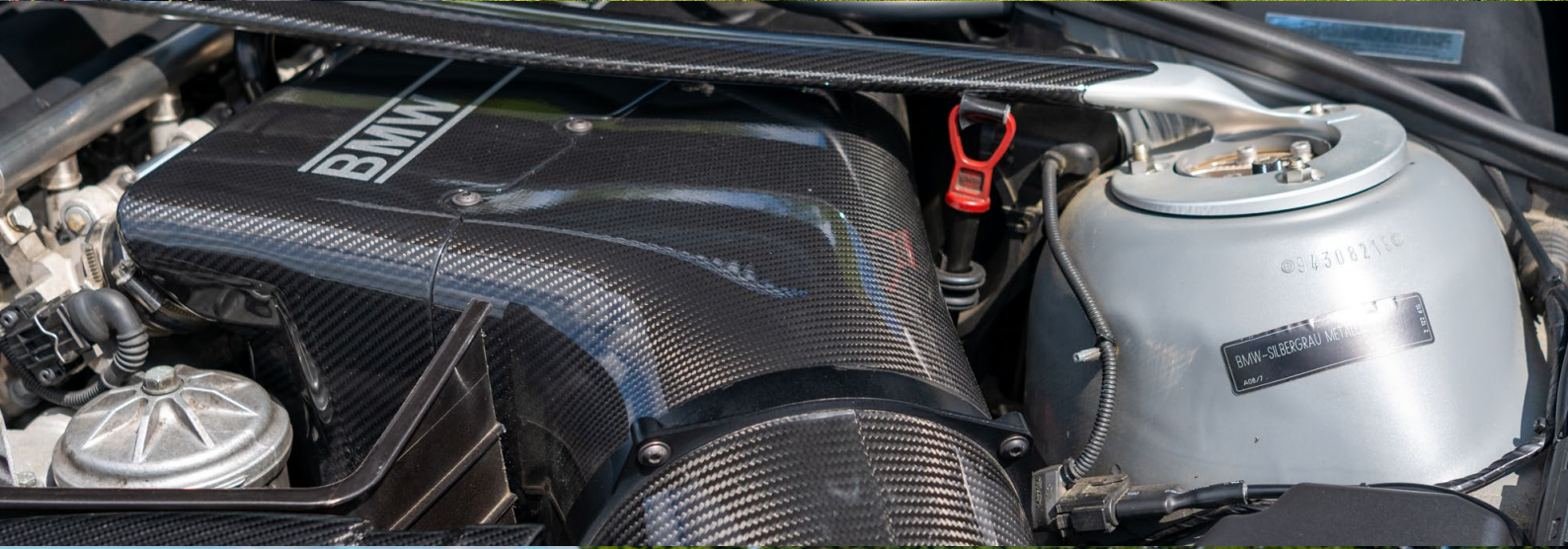


The Event began at nine o'clock in the morning and went until two o'clock in the afternoon, plenty of time to observe all of the detailing perfection that was present. Once all the judging had been completed, the day concluded with the announcement of the final results and the awarding of plaques for the cleanest cars in each class. Congratulations to all winners and thank you to everyone who came out! Also, big thanks go out to the judges (who all do an excellent job for the task at hand) and the staff who helped out with registration, parking and other tasks this year. [B](#)

## 2023 BOSTON CHAPTER CONCOURS WINNERS

GROUP/CLASS	PLACE	NAME	MODEL
<b>Vintage/Clean</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Eric Eisenberg</b>	<b>1990 325ic</b>
	<b>2nd</b>	<b>John Sullivan</b>	<b>1988 635CSi</b>
	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Jeffrey Palumbo</b>	<b>1989 325</b>
<b>Vintage/Super Clean</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Bob Schifiliti</b>	<b>1989 325iX</b>
	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Eric Weglarz</b>	<b>1988 M3</b>
	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Sandy Washburn</b>	<b>1970 3.0 CS</b>
<b>Modern/Clean</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Alan Brown</b>	<b>1998 Z3</b>
	<b>2nd</b>	<b>David Scott</b>	<b>1998 Z3</b>
	<b>3rd</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Modern/Super Clean</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Bob Pinardi</b>	<b>1998 318Ti</b>
	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Sam Martirosyan</b>	<b>1996 Alpina B12 7</b>
	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Kevin Wahlen</b>	<b>2002 M5</b>
<b>Late/Clean</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Jan Mark Holzer</b>	<b>2020 X5 M Comp.</b>
	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Bob Sanzo</b>	<b>2007 328xi</b>
	<b>3rd</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Late/Super Clean</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Donald Ogilvy</b>	<b>M3</b>
	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Cynthia Frank</b>	<b>2008 128i</b>
	<b>3rd</b>	<b>F. O'Connor</b>	<b>2008 135i</b>
<b>Concours</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Doug Crowley</b>	<b>2004 330ci</b>
	<b>2nd</b>	<b>John Devereux</b>	<b>2003 Z8</b>
	<b>3rd</b>	<b>George Starr</b>	<b>1995 850CSi</b>
<b>People's Choice</b>		<b>Andrew Wilson</b>	<b>1973 3.0 CSi</b>

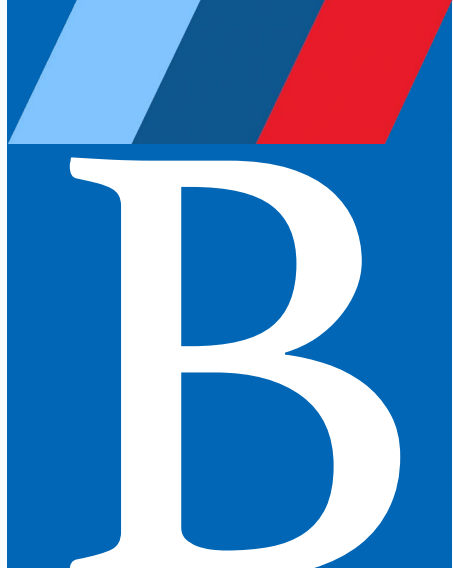












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## 2023 FRIEND OF THE BMW CAR CLUB OF AMERICA AWARD

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### John E. Sullivan, Boston Chapter Director

The Friend of the BMW CCA Award is the Club's highest national tribute a member can receive. At O'Fest 2023, this honor was awarded to Boston Chapter's John E. Sullivan, a 37-year member. The Recognition Program Committee and the National Board select one individual based on multiple criteria, including outstanding enthusiasm and passion to the Club, investment of time, talent and energy in the Club, and continual effort to improve and enhance the Club experience. John has served as North Atlantic Region Vice President, Boston Chapter President and Vice President, and many years as a director on the Boston Chapter's Board. John has been instrumental in the success of the Boston Chapter both in terms of membership numbers and retention rates, amount and variety of Chapter events held, and relationships with local BMW dealerships and with BMW North America.

Congratulations, John!



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# Track Days and Driving Schools: Same Thing, or Different?

By Simon Cooper



So, let's say you've decided that you want to drive your car on a race track? Maybe it's a bucket list thing, somewhere to drive your fun car with no speed limits or maybe you want to turn your driving ability up a notch or two. The question is, where do you want to go and which organizations offer the best value for your particular goals. In the last 20 years, the options for track days have grown considerably. Outside the long established car club performance driving schools, there are numerous 'for profit' organizations and while they can get you on the track, they all have different missions, cultures, business models, and levels of instruction.

BMW CCA High Performance Driving Schools differ in some important ways. We are, first and foremost, a nonprofit club and we host and price our events for our members. We invite any enthusiast with any car to join and that means you're not just an entry fee but a club member and part of our family. We look out for your safety and that of the group.

## Building Driver Skills

Our 'Track Days' and our season of events are modelled after a flight school. There's a specific curriculum, (a set of skills to learn, practice and master), right seat instruction, solo time for practice and exercises for passing maneuvers and situational awareness. Each event is designed to build on the last, advancing your skills toward your goals.

## Goals

"I wanna go fast..." Your goals are what is important, and our instructors will dive into what you want from your days at the track. Maybe it's just getting the basics down or working on your path to club racing or becoming an instructor. Either way the coaching is individualized.

## A Safe Car

We expect that your car is safe and has been inspected before the event. Since everyone follows the same process, we can avoid the obvious wear/repair items from cutting your day short or worse. Like that insurance company ad, in our experience "we've seen things" that we wouldn't want you to discover all over again. The Boston chapter has numerous local independent shops that will inspect your car free of charge if you are attending one of our schools.

## Groups of Experience

Our 'Track Days' are set up with drivers grouped by ability/experience with the idea that you're in a run group with people with similar experience and pace. We carefully monitor that pace in the groups and if necessary, will move folks around so that everyone has a good experience.

## Passing and Traffic

Since each run group could include 20 or more cars, traffic and passing are a key development of your driver skill and an inevitable part of any track day. One of the skills our instructors help with is situational awareness relative to traffic, especially for newer drivers. How and when to use the mirror, where and when to plan your pass, both from a passing AND being passed perspective. These simple skills, artfully applied, are considered part of racecraft and an excellent way to advance skill development.





## Lap Times and Data

Lap timers are most definitely permitted but we use them as tool for skill development. Driver consistency needs to come first so that the tool of data is actually useful. We don't post lap times because we drive skill development versus a competitive time trial environment. However, the value of data and video for consistent drivers is discussed in instructor and classroom sessions.

## Culture and Fun

Beyond safety and learning, our events are intended to be fun and inclusive. The track days are set up, organized and coached by volunteer club members just like you. Almost all started out as beginners in the club and are involved as a means to give back to the sport and our program.

## Instruction

This is a major differentiator across organizations. BMW CCA has a defined instructor development program with specialized training and a formalized examination process. Good instructors and coaches are forged by the program over time. At each event, we assign instructors/coaches to our drivers on a one-to-one basis and so they develop a dedicated development plan based on the driver's goals. With that assignment the instructor is responsible for that drivers experience and development throughout the event.





## Curriculum and Skills

Improving driver skill is a vague concept unless you can identify individual skills and then define what proficiency in that skill looks like. Several years ago, the Boston chapter developed a program called Skill Level Improvement Program (SLIP) where we identified fourteen skills with an attainment level for each. Our Instructors use this as a basis to evaluate drivers and focus on areas for improvement. This system even becomes part of the drivers 'log book' and we can use it for defining run groups in a given event. This system and variations of it are used by BMW, PCA, Audi and certain other groups as a baseline. SLIP is a definitive system to take a driver from instruction to coaching.

## Progress to Advanced

The Boston Chapters advanced group is humorously dubbed the Independent Study Group or ISG. The drivers in this group gain entry via a combination of their SLIP rating, recommendation from instructors and a positive check ride. These drivers have demonstrated consistent pace, excellent car control but above all, exceptional situational awareness. They are comfortable in traffic at speed and drive together as an inclusive group. This is a fast group but skill exercises are the highlight with skill development being the ultimate goal. The group is directed by coaches but classroom and debrief sessions are often led by peer volunteers.

## The Last Bit

Motorsport IS exciting, 'somewhat' expensive and extremely unforgiving of hubris. Our clubs experience is in running high performance driver development days, where each day builds experience. The commitment to safety, education and fun is our mission, not just for one day but all the days where the driver becomes more. You're Invited - More than just a track day, much more. **B**





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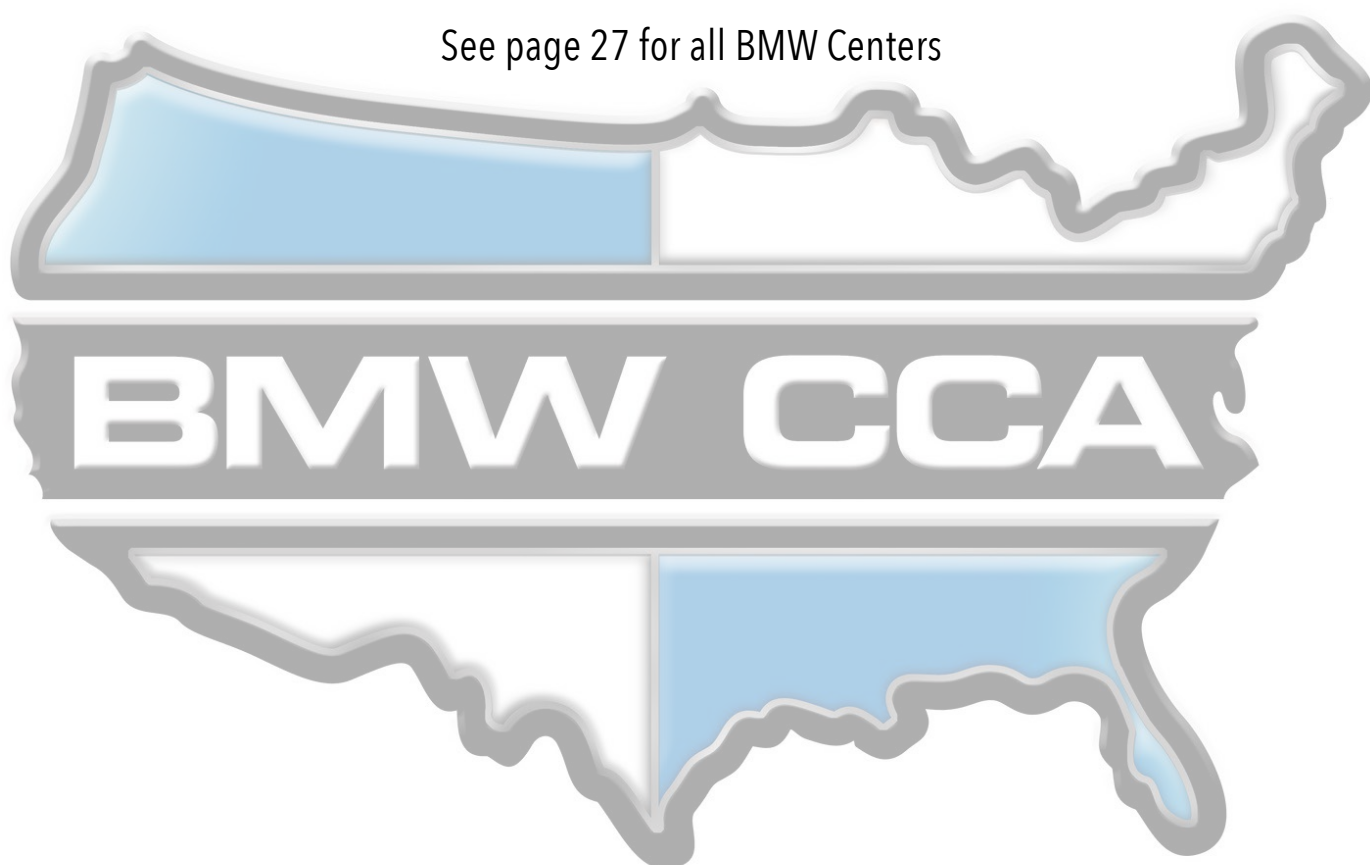


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