



## Legends of the Autobahn

### The Ultimate way to begin your “Historic Weekend”

The picture above says it all... A truly magnificent site as this multi-club event celebrates its 4th year at Rancho Canada Golf Club in beautiful and this year, VERY sunny, Carmel Valley.

Upwards of 500 registered BMW, Porsche, Mercedes-Benz and Audi participants enjoyed the camaraderie of both inter and intra club displays as well as great food and many vendor booths and, lest I forget, the generous out-pouring of free beer from event sponsor Spaten!

After a late Spring road-block of sorts that forced a change of venue that brought us back to the Rancho site, all efforts were focused on making this year's version the best ever. No one would argue that we did not succeed!

This year both concours and corral cars occupied the main fairway with the lunch tents and beer garden area off to the side. Vendors and dealers also were in areas that allowed optimum exposure for attendees.

On ‘center stage’ were four special tents where special cars from all 4 marques were displayed. And the ‘show-stopper’ for the BMW faithful was the arrival of the 1972 Turbo ‘concept car’. Also displayed was one of the original M1 cars. Courtesy of BMW Classic.

Please reference an upcoming Roundel for more detailed coverage of this growing and prestigious event. (ed.)



The “Turbo” and M1 also caused quite a stir at the 2013 Oktoberfest concours event.

## Other things going on in Monterey...

**Monterey Motorsports Reunion...** Vintage racing enthusiasts were given a treat with the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Corvette, ‘America’s only sports car’. Lots of fiberglass on the infield this year! BMW was also well represented with several vintage Motorsport race cars, including 2 CSL’s and a couple of M1 Procar’s. They didn’t break this year!

**BMW’s at auction...** As most of you know there are at least 5 world class collector car auctions going on almost ‘round-the-clock’ from Thursday thru Sunday evening. And, not surprisingly, there were several noteworthy BMW sales to mention. (Cont. on page 3)

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**Come to the meetings!  
Add to the fun!**

## President's message...

We are experiencing exciting times for the Central CA Chapter of the BMW Club of America. We are growing again and the club is coming alive! Each month we have new members joining our club and showing up at our meetings!

As my tenure comes to an end, it will soon be time for a new president to step up and take the coveted gavel. It has been a great experience for me to represent the club and its fantastic members, and I'm proud of the legacy I leave behind. I tried to give what I expect out of the BMW club: fun and entertainment; a little something for everyone, whether you're a track junkie, a clean car fanatic, a Bimmerfest mod addict, or just like leisurely drives to nice places (speaking of which – check out our November 9-10 trip to Pismo Beach!). Each month we made changes and scheduled events to fit the current needs and trends of our members. As the immediate past president, I will become an active board member, support the new pres, and continue to keep the enthusiasm going!

If you love cars, especially BMW's, or just want to hang out with friends, check out our website ([www.wordpress.cccbmwcca.com](http://www.wordpress.cccbmwcca.com)) and then come out and play with us!

It has been quite a ride,  
Deb Warner

## Editor's corner...

Well... it finally happened... Good news! My tried and true companion for many years has finally given up the ghost and moved on to more ethereal places in technology heaven. Yes, my 12 year old laptop finally died... arrrggh! I am very lucky to have acquired THIS template for DAS RAD as I would be essentially dead in the water otherwise... The bad news is that Now I have to go and get a new computer. Yikes, where to begin.? Windows 8 is very scary and I don't know that much about Apple stuff...

So bear with the situation for the short term. Will try to get this one done on my 'mainframe' and go from there...

Lots to write about... so little room with this layout.

Have patience! Yer Humble editor, Wayne

## Monthly Meet and Greet! Logan's Roadhouse 7507 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno

Logan's Roadhouse offers us a private room,  
separate checks, and order off the menu.

Plenty of room for everyone, and plenty of great parking!

Dinner at 5:30 P.M. Meet and Greet at 6:30 P.M.

Come meet other BMW members, bring your friends and your BMW!

Have dinner and conversation, and kick some tires!

## Monterey Stuff, cont.

Although not a named BMW model, a 1997 M-powered McLaren F1 sold for \$8.47 million (love THAT car), a 1974 2002 Turbo sold for \$60k and a nice e30 M3 realized \$44k, to mention a few.



**Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance...** Well, what is there to say, the granddaddy of all car shows, did not disappoint. And for the BMW faithful the legendary BMW 507's were a featured marque/class this year. Simply beautiful cars.



Last but not least...

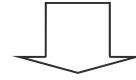
## The 2013 Oktoberfest...

When it was announced that the 2013 O'fest was to be held immediately after the Monterey Sports Car Weekend, I thought 'how neat' and then 'how foolish'. My first thought was correct. In what has to be one of the most attended of recent memory, if not the most attended, all attendees were treated to a memorable event. From a classy concours at a spectacular golf course, to several days of driving schools at Laguna Seca to a surprise reception for the new M4 it was all over the top. Hats off to BMW CCA National for pulling this one off!



The stunning overview of Corral del Tierra, site of the ofest Concours.

## Coming Soon...



Local BMW Car  
Club Hosting  
Autocross!

BMW Car Club  
of America  
Central California Chapter



**Visalia Airport**  
**Sunday, October 27, 2013**



(Southwest side, by SPCA. Drive clockwise around airport)

\$30 entry fee  
(\$40 for non-members)  
Registration at 8:00 AM  
Practice begins at 9:00 AM  
Timed runs start after lunch  
Event ends at 3:00 PM

An autocross is a driving event, timed against the clock on a closed course with slalom-type curves and short straight sections that test the driver's cornering skills. The event is open to all cars and drivers with valid driver's licenses. Although any street legal car may enter, certain rules will have to be followed. Seatbelts (factory are ok) and helmets are required. There will be loaner helmets available. Cars will be checked out before they run. Convertibles will be allowed subject to certain requirements, i.e. factory roll-over protection.

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**A BMW**  
**Fall Colors Tour**  
November 9 & 10, 2013

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of America  
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Central CA Chapter BMW CCA invites you to enjoy a relaxing weekend at the beach! A fun drive with friends and some good eats! Don't miss this incredible rate at the Cottage Inn!

Here's what you need to do:

1. Call and make your reservations, ref: Central CA Chapter BMW  
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Rate for two nights Saturday \$135.00 and Sunday \$99.00
2. Then RSVP to Deb Warner at [danddwarner@att.net](mailto:danddwarner@att.net), and we'll keep you informed of details as they unfold!

Call the hotel soon! Rooms are limited!





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## 2013 Calendar of Events

### Your attention please...

Nominations are NOW open for candidates wishing to run for office and/or the chapter board for year 2014. If you are interested or wish to nominate someone please submit your nomination via snail-mail (address above) or email (attn. to the club Secretary, [rchniel@comcast.net](mailto:rchniel@comcast.net)) by the end of October. All offices are open. Ballots will be sent out in November. Any nominee must be a member, in good standing, of the Central California Chapter, BMW CCA. Thank you.

- Oct 2**      **Monthly 'Meet and Greet'**  
Logan's Road House  
(see inside for details)
- Oct 5**      **CCC BMW CCA Board Meeting**  
**11:30 AM, Sequoia Brewing Co.**  
(all members are welcome)
- Oct 27**     **Autocross, Visalia Airport**  
(see inside for details)
- Nov 6**      **Monthly 'Meet and Greet'**
- Nov 9-10**   **Fall colors tour**  
(see inside for details)
- Dec 4**      **Monthly 'Meet and Greet'**

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### Rick's Ramblings..... Rick Kapheim

Message to Captain James T. Kirk, Starship Enterprise.

It has come to our attention that you are not alone with "Warp Drive." Proceed to the planet Tesla to investigate. We strongly suspect Klingon involvement.

Ok...maybe I am getting carried away with this and no, I am not wearing my Star Trek uniform (It is in the closet, where it belongs). The metaphors are not out of line, though as driving the Tesla does make you think of the future. As part of a great Father's day carried out by my daughter (Sam) and Jimmy, the three of us got to drive the Tesla S in San Jose. I did not know what to expect. I knew from the automotive press that the car was very fast and most of the specs, but I was mostly surprised by the drive. First, the car is easy to drive. I thought I might have to take a four hour class on how to drive this futuristic transportation device, but that was not the case. Second, the car is very quiet (even wind noise). Now I am an old school car person who likes loud Mustangs, but I quickly appreciated the calm and efficient quietness of the Tesla as I sliced through traffic. Third, the car is fun to drive. Not only is this vehicle fast, it can handle (Thanks to the very low center of gravity). You can go to warp seven (I know, I should stop this) at the tap of the throttle. As soon as you let off the "gas" the engine starts breaking which works great in turns. The car is finished to a very high level and is nice to look at. I am not going to give you all the stats, you can look those up. All I can say is that when we were done it made all other cars seem obsolete. I know all of the political-economic arguments about the electrical grid and those need to be addressed but the emotional kick that I got was that our future cars are going to be fun while using different "fuels." There is no bargaining for the price of Tesla, you just order it on the computer and you get your car in a couple of months. Tesla has a SUV coming next, followed by an Accord size family car.

I like all forms of racing and watch everything from F-1 to NASCAR and everything between, but I think my favorite is Rally-Cross. This racing series has almost everything including trading paint NASCAR style except you cannot purposefully slam someone into the wall (In NASCAR I think you get bonus points for this!).

I know that you were worried because you did not know what the "T" stands for in Kirk's name. Well I know and some of you do not!!!

In the mean time drive safe (Do not exceed Warp Drive Limits!), but just drive.

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