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# Dyno Days

# Meeting Minutes

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## Old Business:

- Email Kevin Kline about Member and Publicity Chair position.
- Mary Battaglia to be Social Chair
- DBR to be smaller emails; must ask National
- Need to figure out Survey Monkey, or something similar for board member voting.
- Vintage run-group during DEs. Mark to check, and ask Bruce about club-race. Perhaps run group could replace the Club-race group. Fall Cresson DE?

## New Business:

- 4/25 - Mid-America 2002-Fest.
- 6/16 - O’Fest @ Beavercreek
- Cars and Coffee to benefit Street Survival, 9/6/14 - Volunteers needed
- Need a place to store van for AutoX.

Board Meetings are held at 2p.m. on the Second Sunday of each odd month at Jack Mac’s Swill and Grill in Plano, Tx.

# From the Editor

As you can see, the dbR has a brand new look. As the world has transitioned to a more digital format, the BMW CCA Lone Star Chapter must transition, as well. With this new emailable dbR, we have the opportunity to provide clickable links, and better access to club information. Throughout this issue, you will see the word `Click` proceeding contact information. This indicates that there is an embedded link to direct you straight to the information pertaining to the article. I hope, as editor, that this will make the dbR more accessible to our members, and that I will begin to see more members at club events.

Again, I would like to open the dbR to **all** members as a place to promote and engage others of a like mind. If you have an event, idea, opinion, or business that you would like to promote, please let us know.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Sarah Hamilton  
Editor  
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Fredericksburg Run - March 28-30th, 2014

# Lone Star Tour Group

Contact Marc Leediker for more info - [click](#)



## Dyno and Dogs

by Ben Qureshi

The initial plan for this pre-season AutoX meeting was to go over some logistics and train new committee members on the software used by the club to track participants at each AutoX event. However, things changed dramatically when Spec Motorsports in McKinney graciously allowed the committee to use their facilities for their meeting. Spec not only opened up their waiting room for the committee meeting, but they also offered dynos at cost to the first 10 members to sign up. As a result, the AutoX Committee decided to turn this into an impromptu Dyno and Dogs and AutoX Awards event.

After the committee meeting, awards were handed out to the top three participants in each class. As is usually the case, there was some casual ribbing, and the 2nd place participant was given a gift by the class leader: a rubber bracelet inscribed with "I AM SECOND." For those familiar with this particular slogan and its traditional meaning, the sarcasm was almost unbearable.

After the awards ceremony, members began lining up for their dyno runs. For only \$50, members were able to get their cars on Spec's dyno rack to see how much power they really had. For those with stock setups, it seemed to be more a confirmation of the manufacturer's claimed ratings. For those with modified setups, however, it was a chance to see if those various modifications were worth it. For some, the results were pretty spectacular. Some saw HP increases over 10% and torque increases of more than 100 ft/lb over stock. If you are looking to increase performance, or simply perform routine maintenance, Spec Motorsports is an impressive facility with experienced technicians ready to help you.

While members were waiting in line for the dyno rack, awaiting their results, or just socializing, our AutoX Chair, Michael Hollingsworth was hard at work grilling hotdogs for everyone. Members were treated to Michael's grill-skills, first-class Kosher hotdogs, potato chips, and an assortment of standard toppings. For those European types, we even had Dijon mustard (seriously, do people actually put that on their hotdogs?). For someone who ate more hotdogs than they should have, I can tell you they were delicious!



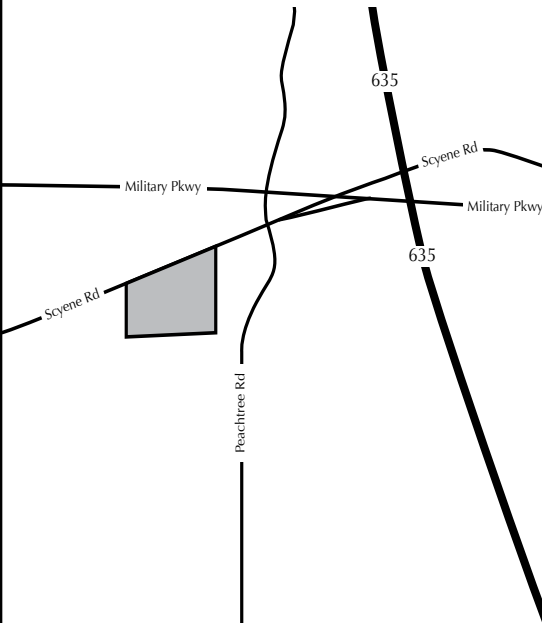


Hopefully, this first meeting gave current and future AutoX participants a chance to catch up with old friends, and meet some new ones. We had a terrific turnout with an estimated 40+ members. Thank you to all who came out. We very much hope to see you again.

Speaking of seeing you again, the committee would like to invite past participants, and new ones to join us at our first AutoX event, which is scheduled for March 15 in Mesquite Memorial Stadium. If you've never participated in an AutoX event, you will find that the cost and car prep are minimal. Please check the LSC website for full details and event calendar.

**BMW Car Club: Lone Star Chapter Autocross**  
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**Mesquite Memorial Stadium**  
March 15, 2014



**AutoX 2014**

**March 15**

Saturday – Mesquite Memorial Stadium

**September 27**

Saturday – Mesquite Memorial Stadium

**April 5**

Saturday – Mineral Wells

**November 1**

Saturday – Mineral Wells Airfield

**May 4**

Sunday – Texas Motor Speedway

**Lone Star Chapter  
BMW Car Club of  
America**

**June 21**

Saturday – Mesquite Memorial Stadium

**July 19**

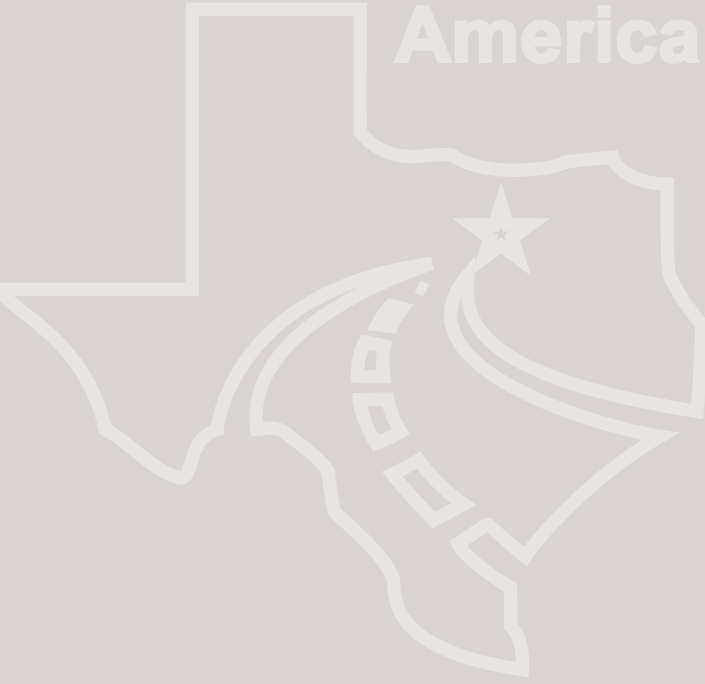
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**August 9**

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**September 6**

Saturday – Mineral Wells Airfield







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## Make a Sustainable Impression

Accessories that make a sustainable impression.

### The BMW i Collection.

Munich.

Take a look at what we refer to as the i-edition of the new BMW Lifestyle Collection: the BMW i Collection. Its accessories, which were launched in October 2013, are characterized by clear design and the responsible handling of resources. The BMW i Collection is inspired by the ideas behind the BMW i-concept. If it applies to the vehicles, then it goes for the lifestyle products too - Solar Charger, Urban Mega Shopper or Laptop Bag: all of them are visionary and ecofriendly, urban and premium, everyday and elegant.

### Materials: sustainable & modern.

Leather tanned using olive leaves and a felt-look fabric made from recycled PET- those are the exciting materials from which the BMW i Laptop Bag is made. This bag has blue chord handles - also made from recycled PET - and it bears the signature of BMW i. The strong sleeve protects your computer on the move.

### Use it: daily, everywhere.

The BMW i Solar Charger lets you charge, store and dispense energy. This upmarket solar device in a BMW i logo design may be very compact, but it has a big charging surface and harbors an integrated rechargeable battery. It comes with a charging cable that has a range of different slot-on connectors, allowing you to charge mobile devices and MP3 players without burdening resources. If you need faster charging from time to time, then a USB port lets you supply the unit's battery with power without a light source - from a laptop for example.

The BMW i USB Stick helps you transfer data on the move and holds 16 gigabytes inside its matt, aluminum-look body, which features an "electric-blue" BMW i logo.

The BMW i Collection is available at selected retailers and online at [www.shopbmwusa.com](http://www.shopbmwusa.com).



# COTA:

## From a Photographers POV

by Jennifer Stamps  
studiowz.com

I should probably start in June of 2007. I made the trek across multiple states and ended at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. There, I experienced my first live automotive sporting event - which also happened to be my first experience with Formula One. I knew nothing of the sport, but by the time the weekend was over - I was in love. That weekend I fell hard for a glamorous sport with equally glamorous drivers.

Since then, I've been to four races around the world and have missed maybe a handful on television. In the meantime I started following multiple types of racing. My passion for photography was easily paired with my new found love of motor sports. So you could imagine my reaction when I learned about the plans of a purpose-built Formula One track in my backyard.

Fast forward to today...

Since the doors were opened in November 2012, I have been to Circuit of the Americas (COTA) nearly a dozen times - and I must say, I find something new to admire each time I'm there. From witnessing Lewis Hamilton pass Sebastian Vettel at Turn 12 in the inaugural United States Grand Prix at COTA to the hot lap in the M5 during the BMWCCA Texas Trifecta - I have not been let down.

COTA offers a variety of elevations, twists, and turns which yield some excellent racing, amazing views for both spectating and photographing. I know that every time I am at the track with my camera, I will have the opportunity to get some cool photos. I've walked the entire track multiple times - in fact usually walk the entire track (yes up Turn 1) at least once

or twice at each event. I've sat in every permanent grand stand, Turn 12 grand stand, and in every general admission section - there isn't a bad seat in the house.

Not only is the circuit itself amazing, but every event has been top notch. Ok, maybe the FormulaRun had some hiccups, but it was the first event ever, and those kinks were ironed out by F1 weekend. I have been highly impressed by each event, and Texas Trifecta was no different. Having roughly 150 drivers, 100 instructors, and 60 racers come together for this three-day event is a major feat. The Lone Star, Houston, and Tejas chapters should feel proud. We all heard horror stories from other groups during their track days, but no such stories were told after this event.

I genuinely hope COTA will continue to host and allow groups to have track days. As a fan of racing, this is a great marketing tool for the circuit. It allows racing enthusiasts to have a taste of what it's like out on the track and in turn (ideally) makes them want to experience a race from the stands. As a photographer, it allows me to be a part of motorsport at the most basic level - just people with a passion for cars. Without the passion - there is no point in photographing anything.

COTA is hosting another Texas Trifecta in March 21-23. For more information, go to [lscbmwcca.org](http://lscbmwcca.org). Click.

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