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From the Editor

The holiday season is gearing up, and if your local Walmart is any indication, it will be a long one. Of course, the good news is that it is no longer 100 degrees outside, and my A/C-free E21 is comfortable again. At least it is until winter comes full-tilt, and then that little E21 will be boiling inside. Those Germans definately weren't messing around when they engineered that heater.

And I won't even get to drive it during the winter, anyway. My dad has gifted me his old Chrystler Sebring because I "need a safer car for winter, and it's going to be a bad one." Dads are sweet, and they certainly mean well, but a Chrystler Sebring?! It's soul-crushing. Nonetheless, I will be a thankful, and dutiful daughter, and do my best to drive a little BMW fire into the Chrystler with every curve and slalom in the road.

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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All Fun and Games...

BMW M4 Safety Car announced for Gran Turismo 6

The BMW Group.
New Jersey.

BMW of North America and Polyphony Digital, Inc. announced today at the 2014 SEMA Show that the new BMW M Performance M4 Safety Car will be made available, in virtual form, to owners of the Gran Turismo®6 game for the PlayStation®3 system as a free update in late November. The BMW M Performance M4 Safety Car made its North American industry premiere today at the show as a demonstration vehicle for BMW M Performance Parts in North America.

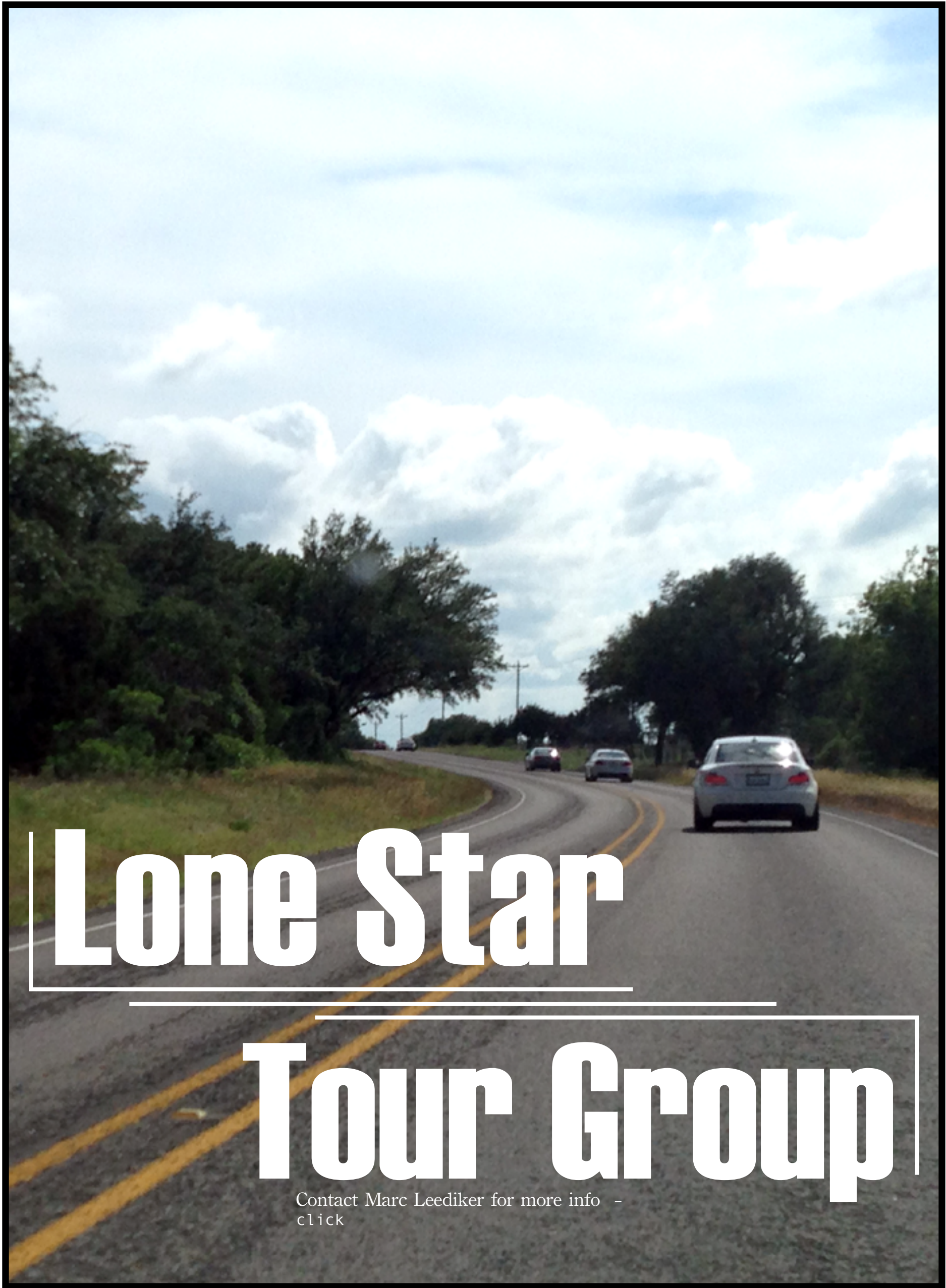
Working in partnership, Polyphony Digital, Inc. and BMW have managed to make the rare BMW M4 Safety Car into a playable reality for all. At this year's SEMA Show, industry showgoers will view the actual BMW M Performance M4 Safety Car, be among the first to drive it on the Gran Turismo 6 simulators.

The BMW M Performance M4 Safety Car was produced by BMW of North America as an exciting showcase for the latest accessories in the popular M Performance Parts catalog, which are often used by BMW owners to fully personalize The Ultimate Driving Machine®.

The Safety Car began as a series-production, 2015 BMW M4 Coupe and features a custom body wrap by 3M in BMW Motorsport theme colors. Next, BMW added a full complement of BMW M Performance parts available for the M4: carbon fiber splitter system, side splitters, carbon fiber mirror caps, carbon fiber rear spoiler, carbon fiber rear diffuser, black BMW kidney grilles, black side gills, and titanium exhaust system with carbon fiber exhaust tips. The M4 Safety Car theme is completed by a set of LED grille-mounted flashers and LED rooftop light bar.

BMW M Performance Parts may be selected one-by-one, or in elaborate combinations, to create a perfectly unique BMW or BMW M vehicle. BMW M Performance Parts are widely available for most BMW 1 Series, 2 Series, 3 Series, 4 Series, 5 Series, 6 Series, X3, X4, X5 and X6 models, and may be fitted as Accessories by an Authorized BMW Center, or may be specified during the original vehicle ordering process and installed prior to delivery. The latest products may be found at <http://www.shopbmwusa.com/BMW-PERFORMANCE>.





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Orange You Glad...

Joe Sullivan

I lived with a Valencia Orange X1 sDrive 28i for three months and over 2000 miles. That's long enough to decide whether or not you like the vehicle.

And I did! A lot! Even the color!

I had read and heard all the negative comments about the "wimpy" four cylinder engine and how it ran rough and shook. Let's put all that to rest. That engine is great. Acceleration is more than adequate for freeway on ramps and passing at highway speeds. And I averaged over 27mpg in mixed city and freeway driving.

To put this performance thing in perspective, my daily driver is a Stage 2 E92 Dinan 335i that's not quite as roomy or quiet as the E39 M5 it replaced.

The X1 is roomy, comfortable, quiet and rides quite nicely on it's run-flat-tires. The run flats didn't seem harsh, but they did sing a bit on Central Expressway.

One of the surprises was finding an app on the on board computer that showed the torque and horsepower you were using. Surprise - you don't use as much as you think you do.

80 hp and 180 torque is all you need around town including highway on-ramps. 60mph uses only about 10 horsepower and not much torque.

Yes, much more than that was available when you put your foot in it and those who know me know that I did.

All I can say is WOW.

I was impressed with the get up and go that was readily available. And the 8-speed automatic was very smooth. About the only way you could tell it shifted was to watch the tach. With me being a dedicated 3 pedal guy, I could live with this transmission.

Oh, yeah, the handling was also very impressive. I would not hesitate to put that X1 on the track, but Classic BMW would probably get a little upset if I did because it was their X1.





Touring to Taos

Gerald Wineinger

We took off for Taos, New Mexico on the afternoon of Thursday, September 25, 2014, meeting in Decatur, TX. We stopped for a quick meal at a restaurant in Quanah, TX, then proceeded our brisk pace on the back roads to Amarillo.

Since our Tourmeister could not drive his M6 this time, he was driving his BMW 2002 and had a problem in the morning with the starter. He decided to leave it in Amarillo and thanks goes to JO for letting him drive his quick BMW 135i for most of the rest of the tour.

We stayed overnight in Amarillo and left Friday morning for Palo Duro State Park. Palo Duro Canyon is the 2nd largest canyon in the U.S. and the sights were beautiful.

After stopping at Palo Duro Canyon enjoying the views and visiting the Indian style gift shop, we headed westward. Again we took the back roads and enjoyed the brisk pace with excellent roads and driving. As we drove through Angel Fire, which was incorporated in 1986, we stopped at the United States' first memorial to Vietnam War veterans.

The Vietnam Veterans Peace and Brotherhood Chapel is a soaring white structure pointing to the sky from a hill just west of Angel Fire. Inside the simple monument are photographs of Vietnam casualties and a shrine of mementos and candles left by visitors.

In Taos, we checked into a beautiful lodge in a very convenient area of Taos. We completed the day with a very fine casual dinner at the de la Tierra in the beautiful El Monte Resort.

On Saturday, while some decided to go shopping in the interesting shops in Taos, we had a great tour, a "Spirted Drive" on a westward loop out of Taos on the Enchanted Circle. The Rio Grande Gorge bridge, twelve miles northwest of Taos on US 64, was a beautiful scenic stop. When it was built in the mid-60s, it was called the bridge to nowhere, because funding didn't exist to continue the road on the other side. It is the second highest steel deck arch bridge in the United States.

We stopped for lunch in Tierra Armarilla at the Three Ravens and enjoyed a drum session on a handmade drum by the original Indian designer and maker. The culture and sightseeing on our stops was fantastic. The winding route we took takes you through some of the most beautiful areas of North Central New Mexico.



Dinner on Saturday was at a very interesting old restaurant in downtown Taos, Lamberts, suggested by some of our members who live in the area, the Dolans. It was absolutely excellent.

On Sunday we drove down to Santa Fe for the Santa Fe Concorso!

Then Sunday evening, we departed Santa Fe for Tucumcari and stayed there overnight. Monday morning, we headed back east on I-40 through Amarillo to pick up the tourmeister's BMW 2002 and returned to the DFW area.



Gerald Wineinger is an active member of the BMW CCA Lonestar Chapter. He and his wife can be found smack in the middle of the pack during chapter touring events, and he can always be counted on for his infectious smile, and laid-back demeanor.

Out on Adventures?!

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BMW Performance Center – West

BMW Announces Performance Center and Driving School

The BMW Group.
New Jersey.

BMW of North America today announced the opening of the new BMW Performance Center West, the company's permanent performance driver training facility located in Southern California. BMW partners with The Thermal Club, the new premier private motorsports club, to create a dedicated road course and training facility just a few minutes outside of La Quinta, California. Opening in late 2014, the BMW Performance Center West will offer the full complement of performance driving courses for which the BMW Performance Center in Spartanburg, South Carolina has been renowned since 1999. These include the BMW M Schools as well as the BMW Teen Driving Schools.

"We have long believed that the right driver training is every bit as important as technology in helping to keep drivers safe," noted Peter Miles - Vice President of Sales Channel Development and Customer Relations, BMW of North America. "The BMW Performance Center West will make it easier for customers in the Western US to benefit from the same professional

driving instruction that nearly 130,000 drivers have had at the BMW Performance Center in South Carolina over the last 15 years. We are very pleased to partner with The Thermal Club."

The BMW Performance Center West brings a permanent BMW performance driver training facility to Southern California. Occupying 32 acres on the grounds of The Thermal Club, the BMW Performance Center West will include a dedicated 1.4 mile road course, 6.2 acres of paddock, a skid pad and an 8,500 square foot Performance Facility. It will offer the full complement of driver training courses that are currently offered at the BMW Performance center in South Carolina.

The company launched BMW Driver Training in Germany in 1977. In 1999 it opened the BMW Performance Center near Spartanburg, South Carolina - its first permanent US-based performance driving school and delivery center. Since opening, nearly 130,000 students have graduated from BMW performance driving courses. This includes nearly 5,000 graduates of BMW Teen Driving Schools. Today between 1,000 and 1,500 people visit the BMW Performance Center every week.



In a unique partnership, home for the new BMW Performance Center will be at The Thermal Club, a new premium private motorsports club just outside of La Quinta, California. "We are thrilled that BMW has selected Thermal as its long term home for the BMW Performance Center West. This is a very exciting venture for the community, Thermal and our members. It's a great partnership with one of the world's premiere brands", note Thermal Club owners Tim and Twanna Rogers. The Thermal Club is focused on providing the ultimate motorsports programming, world-class culinary offering and a luxury service levels. The facility offers 5.5 miles of road racing circuits, private luxury member garage villas and luxury concierge services. The Motorsports Village consists of the Tuning Shop that features maintenance bays for vehicle maintenance and repairs, locker rooms, and lounge. The Trackside Garage designed for storage for the track and safety car fleet and the Tower Building is the main clubhouse building that will feature a 70 foot high operational control tower. Other luxury amenities will include a pool, kids club and tennis courts.



BMW Group In America

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Our goal for 2015 is 125 schools reaching over 3,000 teens! Volunteering with your chapter/region and choosing to participate in the Sponsorship Drive drawing supports Street Survival schools and teen driving safety in the U.S. Help be a part of the solution!

BMW CCA Foundation - Street Survival Sponsorship:

- **\$25 Sport** (1 drawing entry)
- **\$100 Premium** (5 drawing entries)
- **\$250 Performance** (15 drawing entries)
- **\$500 Frozen** (35 drawing entries)
- **\$750 Carbon Fiber** (60 drawing entries)
- **\$1000 Ultimate** (100 drawing entries)

All entries must be received by 11:59 PM EST 12/31/2014

(Winners will be selected by a random drawing conducted by Harte-Hanks, an independent judging organization, on or about January 15, 2015, from all eligible entries received.)



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The proceeds from this drawing benefit Tire Rack Street Survival, a nationwide Teen Safety Driving Program, conceived and originated by the BMW Car Club of America Foundation, Inc. The Foundation is a public 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer-run organization dedicated to promotion of safety and the preservation of history. © 2014 BMW CCA Foundation. All Rights Reserved.

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Sponsorship level selection

Select the amount you want to donate to the BMW CCA Foundation:

- ☐ **\$25 Sport** (1 drawing entry)
- ☐ **\$100 Premium** (5 drawing entries)
- ☐ **\$250 Performance** (15 drawing entries)
- ☐ **Other:** _____

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Foundation Launches Circle of Excellence

Outstanding Volunteers from Tire Rack Street Survival® Teen Driving Safety Program to be Honored

Greer, SC, October 30, 2014

The BMW Car Club of America (CCA) Foundation Board of Trustees are proud to announce the creation of the Tire Rack Street Survival® Circle of Excellence Volunteer Recognition Program. Made possible by a gift from an anonymous donor to the BMW CCA Foundation Capital Campaign, this unique program will recognize a group of outstanding Street Survival volunteers for their efforts to help promote teen driving safety. The first awards will be presented in January of 2015.

"Without our volunteers, the Street Survival program would not have gotten off the ground," says Leo Newland, president of the BMW CCA Foundation. "And without the leadership and tireless hard work from these dedicated and talented individuals, we would not have trained over 10,000 students and held 700 schools in the past 12 years. We think it is high time we thank this group of select volunteers in a bigger way."

The award categories will include individuals, chapters and regions from all stakeholders within the BMW CCA, BMW Clubs of Canada, Sports Car Club of America, Porsche Club of America, Audi Club North America and Corvette Club of America. A dedicated Circle of Excellence selection committee will be established after the initial year which will include past recipients that will select future award winners.

The Circle of Excellence will have five levels of awards as follows:

- Level I - "A Day-of School Thank You" - Working with Michelin, a key corporate sponsor of Street Survival, all volunteers will be given a small branded Street Survival gift for volunteering their time that day.
- Level II - "End of Year Recognition" - Throughout the year, names will be collected from the in-car coaches and volunteers and will be included in drawings for tire certificates, radar detectors, gift certificates for tools, car care products and more.
- Level III - "Chapter Volunteers & Instructors of the Year" - Volunteers going above and beyond the call to make Street

Survival the best program possible will be nominated by their chapter members and selected via an independent nomination process. This will be done at the conclusion of the calendar year and will include from five to 20 people annually.

- Level IV - "Chapter/Region School Host of the Year" - The chapter/region school will be selected by the BMW CCA Foundation with input from all stakeholders.
- Level V - "Hero of the Year" - One individual Street Survival school organizer/volunteer will be recognized per year. This category will be selected by the BMW CCA Foundation with input from all stakeholders.

Volunteers recognized in Levels III - V will be publicly acknowledged on a Circle of Excellence plaque at the BMW CCA Foundation office and on key stakeholder websites and publications. They will also receive a unique Street Survival Circle of Excellence embroidered team jacket signifying their prolonged dedication and efforts to ensure teen driving safety remains strong in each and every community.

The top level "Hero of the Year" award will receive a special "Garage Makeover" prize valued at up to \$3,500 from a top custom garage equipment supplier.

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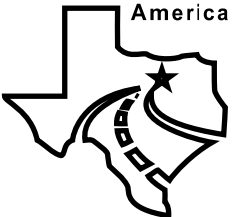
The BMW Car Club of America Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of teen driver safety and the preservation of BMW history. Established in 2002 in Greenville, SC with initial capitalization from the BMW Car Club of America, the Foundation focuses on three initiatives to foster educational programs for the automotive community and be a significant repository of BMW information and history: Street Survival® teen driver safety program; the Library, Archive & Museum Program; and the Conservation and Preservation Program. Through "The Ultimate Driving Community . . . Building the Foundation" Capital Campaign launched in 2013, the Foundation has raised \$1.3 million of the \$7 million required to support and grow these initiatives that will help save lives and preserve the legacy of BMW's heritage.

For more information, visit the BMWCCAFoundation website at www.bmwccafoundation.org

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