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2018 BMW CCA CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT WORKSHEET

ASSETS

Cash in bank accounts	\$41,223.76
Accounts receivable	\$0.00
Other:	\$0.00
Total assets	\$41,223.76

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Accounts payable	\$0.00
Other:	\$0.00
Equity/retained earnings	\$41,223.76
Total liabilities and equity	\$41,223.76

INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME

Membership dues	\$15,835.16
Rebates from National	\$1,665.00
Advertising revenue	
Driving school fees	\$21,917.94
Auto-x	\$17,570.20
Other event fees (Tour)	\$5,867.32
Interest	\$2.14
Total Misc./other income	\$742.05
Total income	\$63,599.81

EXPENSES

Newsletter	\$99.00
Postage	\$28.70
Insurance	\$7,667.00
Driving school expenses	\$35,884.45
Auto-x	\$11,610.09
Meeting expenses	\$1,113.06
Trailer purchase	\$7,283.88
Other event expenses (Tour)	\$3,781.96
Total Misc./other expenses	\$6,445.28
Total expenses	\$73,913.42

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Newsletter Articles

Submit your articles to Pawl Potera, Raymond Mimick and/or Ben Qureshi by end of June to be included in the July (Q3) release newsletter. Take pictures of your adventures and share your thoughts on the BMW you drive or are thinking of driving. Story about an independent shop or a product you use? Let the club members know. Share your owner tips and we'll push them out to Facebook and include them here.

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Letter from the President

Raymond Mimick

Welcome to 50 years of the BMW Car Club of America. To help celebrate, we've been giving away via raffle drawing two 50-year anniversary T-Shirts at our Meet & Greets. So far, your chances of winning a T-Shirt has been very good—JO Miller won our Tyler event, Ben Qureshi and Karen Jones won our Fort Worth Meet & Greet, Audrey Wiseman and I won our North Dallas Meet and Greets. We'll look for some other opportunities to help celebrate the 50-year anniversary (and we'll give away another set of T-Shirts this month).

We've had a great turn out for our first two Autocrosses of the year and we are shaping up to have a great turn out for our May High Performance Driver's Education. Keep watching the MotorSportReg site in case someone cancels their slot. Hopefully, we can continue to grow our events to include more friends in our adventures.

A few weeks ago, we had a regional call where Jeff Gomon was catching us up on what is happening nationally. Some highlights: New Campus is up and running with room for growth in two buildings. The regional newsletter idea is starting up in the Northwest Region and there is the desire to expand to other regions. What would you think about having a regional newsletter included in your Roundel magazine once a quarter?

This year's raffle will be for a M2 Competition with Dinan upgrades all around. The final giveaway will be during O'fest in South Carolina in October.

One disconcerting point that Jeff brought up is how our members are communicating and treating others online and in direct messages. It has not been pleasant (as you may have seen in some of the December voting emails). It has even resulted in some memberships being revoked. To that end, we hope that BMW CCA members will treat others with respect. If there was ever a question about consequences, the BMW CCA Operations Manual includes information on how the organization will handle issues (and it's getting a re-write).



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VinWiki

Have you heard of VinWiki as yet? It's a mobile App like Facebook but for your car. The goal of the company is to help crowd source the history of cars—your car, your friend's car, interesting cars, etc. Ever wonder what the original history of that interesting car is? Well, this might be one interesting way to keep track of things.

One cool thing Ed Bolian added is a [YouTube Channel](#) with some interesting stories.

Hagerty's Barn Find Hunter Videos

Check out Hagerty's [YouTube Channel](#) for some interesting car history and even some engine rebuilds.

Autocross Update

Franco Maras



Dyno Day and 2018 Autocross Awards

AutoScope (Park Cities) hosted the chapter at their shop for a Dyno Day and Awards Ceremony. We had over 30 people come out and 5 jumped on the Mustang (heart breaker) dyno to test their cars. Did we make the power we were expecting or was it reports a little too low? It was a low-key event with a great host. Thank you AutoScope for hosting. We were able to give out a bunch prizes throughout the day.

Gary brought out the new trailer and had a connection with some green spray paint on the way home, creating a new greenish-tint to the van, trailer and his Miata.

AutoX #1—Nice Start to 2019!

It was a little chilly at first, but the engines were happy and our tires got to be happier as the day warmed up. Thank you all who came out for our first event of the year. All your help running the event is very appreciated! We're also glad we were able to hand out more trophies to our 2017 and 2018 recipients.

Event #1 Highlights

The first FTD of the year went to Blake P, followed closely by 3 other drivers within 2 tenths of a second. It was interesting that the Top 3 were all in different classes (G, X & Y) and that Blake nailed it in his final run!

Silvio Z won Class X a mere 7 hundredths of a second ahead of Brandon S, while Nathan D grabbed the win in Y ahead of Cameron G and Brandon D.

In Class F, Mark B delivered on expectations with a comfortable win ahead of Ben Q and Franco M. He also managed a Top 10 overall.

2018 Award Recipients

Class D

- 1: Julian Yanger
- 2: Valeria Marques

Class F

- 1: Jeremy Foley
- 2: Blake Pomykal
- 3: Matthew Dashiell

Class G

- 1: Mark Butterfield
- 2: Ken Orgeron

Class X

- 1: Jerrett Jan

2: Gerry Terranova

3: John Clark

Class Y:

- 1: Thomas Jensen
- 2: Nathan Dyck
- 3: Thomas Mhire

Class Z:

- 1: Robert Jones
- 2: Gary Coupland
- 3: Robert May

Novice:

- 1: Pawel Potera
- 2: Shaw Merrill
- 3: Young Chi

Jonathan A ran away with the win in Class Z, some 3 seconds before the closest contenders. It looks like he wants to set the tone for the rest of the season.

It was great to have 24 drivers in the Novice Class! One could possibly argue that a few showed skills above this level with placements in Top 10 overall. Philip De B won the class ahead of Reese R and Todd L.

More highlights:

- Adrian M in Class G, managed to get his best time of the day in the final run despite 2 seconds of penalty.

Autocross (Continued)

- All cars in Class F & G were M3s -> We need the Novice M2s to graduate for the 2020 season.
- All Four finished in the Novice Top 7, way to go!
- A total of 6 Ford drivers in Class Y. That must be a record!
- A total of 6 Chevys in Class Z (one truck). Another record?
- Mark B and John C get to share the Cone Master title with 10 downed each.

AutoX #2 Blue Day!

Second event of the year turned out to be a great day. Thanks to everybody that had the opportunity to come out to drive and provide a helping hand!

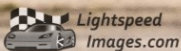
Event #2 Highlights

The FTD battle of the day was not as intense as during the 1st event; it was close mid-day, but eventually Jeremy F managed to build a buffer of more than a second to David W and Scott S. Jeremy took 1st place in Class F handily ahead of Mark B, although Mark remains the class leader.



Lightspeed Images

Lightspeed Images has been present at a number of our events and have made some great shots that you have seen on our Facebook page. You can find some great shots of your participation at <http://www.lightspeedimages.com/Lone-Star-Chapter-BMW-Club/>



David W grabbed the Class Y win in his first event of the year. He is sharing second place overall with Cameron G behind leader Nathan D. In 2nd and 3rd place for the day, we find Steve and Sharon E separated by a mere 5 hundredths of a second. Their trailer says S & S Pylon Removal, but there was not much of that going on as most of the runs were very quick and clear.

Scott S won Class Z in his first event of the year ahead of John C. It is very exiting to see a lot of drivers battle for position in Z; a total of 8 drivers have attended both events!

How about the FRS / BRZ battle in Class X:

Tyler K (BRZ) just beat Geran R (FRS) by a tenth and Silvio Z (BRZ) less than a second. Silvio is the overall leader to chase.

In Class G, Blake P drove to his 2nd win of the year and he's the only driver with a perfect 20 points. Doug W in 2nd place will have a few more chances to swap places.

Sean S took 1st place in Class D with his E30.



Autocross (Continued)

Looking at the Novice group, we see Todd L with his 1st win in the M2c and a jump into overall leadership. He was followed by Chris C in another M2c. Good running.

Autocross School

We attempted to host an Autocross School on Saturday, April 6th but we cancelled due to the threat of severe weather (hail is no fun). We'll work to reschedule this type of event for another point in the future.

Autocross Background (from the web site)

Autocross is a low speed event held on an open paved lot. The intent is to familiarize the driver with his limits and the limits of his car. The course is laid out using highway cones in a road course fashion. Runs are timed. Safety is a primary concern. Cars on course are separated by sufficient distance so as to provide ample time in case of a spin. Corner workers are placed at strategic positions around the course and are in radio contact with the event coordinator at all times. All corner workers have a fire extinguisher and red flag.

The typical event day starts out with registration and a tech inspection. At registration, the cars are classified so that similar performance cars compete against each other. The tech inspection is to confirm the safety of the car. Items checked include fluid levels, brakes, wheel bearings, steering and tires. Ultimately, the mechanical condition of your car is your responsibility. Do you really want to be heading into a corner at 60 MPH with those squeaky 2 year old brake pads?

During this time, contestants are encouraged to walk the track. This is to familiarize them with the course layout, which changes from month to month. This time is utilized to determine braking points, corner entry and exit points.

After registration is closed, a drivers meeting is held to go over event rules, announce the division of classes into run groups, and an overall safety briefing. Attendance at the drivers meeting is MANDATORY.

At the completion of the drivers meeting, a lead/follow session at low speed may be conducted around the course to give all competitors the opportunity to see the course from behind the steering wheel and to see exactly how tight that hairpin corner really is.

Once the event starts, the run groups are either competing, working corners or resting. Working a corner can be a good thing, giving you the opportunity to see how other driv-



Lone Star BMW CCA
Autocross
March 23rd, 2019
Mineral Wells Airport
Mineral Wells, TX



Pre-registration recommended
at www.dlbracing.com.
More information at
<http://www.lscbmwcca.org/autocross.html>.
Onsite Sign Up if not at full
capacity.



Typical Course Map Provided Prior to Event

ers are handling that section of the course. Of course you will get some exercise, re-setting downed cones, but that is a good thing too.

Cones knocked down, or out of box constitute a time penalty for the run. LSC BMW CCA Autocross currently assigns a 1 second penalty per cone "down and out". Each driver will usually receive 10 laps on the course. The best timed run, including penalties, is the driver's time for the day. Results are tallied and reviewed. After completion of review, they are posted to this website. Season points are awarded to all who complete. Trophies are presented at the end of the year to the top three positions in each class. Drivers must complete 5 events in the same class to be eligible for a trophy. No trophies are awarded on the weekends.

Results

2019 Current Season Standings: <https://lscbmwcca.org/2019-autox-standing/>

2019 Current Stats Per Driver/Class:

https://lscbmwcca.files.wordpress.com/2019/03/autocross_results-3.pdf

AutoX #1: <https://lscbmwcca.files.wordpress.com/2019/02/20190216.pdf>

AutoX #2: <https://lscbmwcca.files.wordpress.com/2019/03/20190323.pdf>

Tour Updates

Raymond Mimick

In March, the tour group headed back to the Twisted Sisters with a variety of friends new and old. This trip, we had Ted, Dennis, Peter,

Shuan and his dad Jim, Michael, Joe & Gay, Jim and Linda, Bill Lewis, Mark and Karren, Don, Lisa and Kylie, Dick and Susan and Joe along the way. This year's plan was to stay in Kerrville and jump off from there into the Twisted Sisters.

Friday was a sunny, clear day with great roads heading down to Kerrville. We took a few different roads from Llano to get to Kerrville and they worked out really well. We started to see some Blue Bonnets and some other wild flowers along the Llano river heading toward the hotel. We almost made it to the hotel before my car caught a razor blade in the back tire.

Luckily, we were only 2 miles from the Hotel and Discount Tire. After evaluating the problem, a new tire would be needed. I left my car behind and Michael picked me up



Raymond M, Dick R, Mark W, Gay S, Susan R, Dennis L



Ted G, Joe A, Don H, Raymond M, Kylie H, Lisa H



Michael N, Jim P, Joe S, Gay S, Susan R, Dick R

Karren C, Mark W, ?, ?, Linda D, Jim D, Dennis L, Peter P

and took me to the hotel. That night, we had a great group dinner in our own separate room at Rails—A Café at the Depot.

Saturday morning, I joined Bill Lewis as Co-Pilot and we navigated the foggy, wet, empty roads of the Twisted Sisters, ending back in Utopia at the Lost Maples Café.

Looks like preplanning the pie options will be coming in our future trips to Lost Maples Café so that everyone can get a pie of their choice.

Along the route, though, Dick and Susan's Z3 ///M Roadster decided to lock up the accessory belt and kill off the fan. Michael stayed behind and got them on a tow truck to BMW of San Antonio.



Pie Options at Lost Maples Café

After lunch, the group split up into different directions. A group headed out to explore new roads, while another part of the group headed towards San Antonio to celebrate Texas Independence at The Alamo.

We arrived early enough to explore The Alamo and see the sites. We took a walk along the Riverwalk toward Lone Star Café. At the Café, Dick and Susan joined us for dinner and drinks and we caught up with everyone's latest adventures.

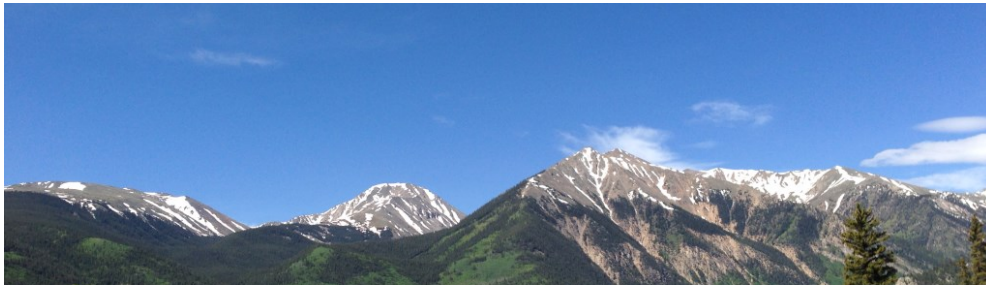
Sunday morning, everyone headed back to DFW on a damp morning, stopped in Hico for lunch, where Josh Butts, President of the Tejas chapter joined us in his new E39 chassis with a new ///M5 V8. After

Tour Updates (Continued)



lunch, the local police made their presence known. Everyone made it home without incident.

It took my tires until Monday afternoon to get placed on the car and then I took off for home, too. Dick and Susan took the BMW loaner home for a few days until their car was ready.



July in Colorado

The plans for Colorado are still in the works but we plan to be in Amarillo for the evening of Day 1 and see the outdoor musical Texas!. Then, we plan to base our time in Colorado in Breckenridge. On our return home, we'll be near Taos, so the last day will be a long push to get back to DFW that day. Wednesday, July 10th—Sunday, July 14th. Watch for a registration link on MotorSportReg.com soon (we'll also send an email out to all).

Post-Holiday Party

Our Holiday party was a great success. Our designated hours were originally for 6:30p-8:30p but we ended up enjoying our time and stayed until 10:00p. We had a number of drawings and give-aways from our different local dealers and vendors. Look for our next Post-Holiday get-together in January of 2020.



Giveaways and Winners

1. Jim Doutre - AMSOIL - Gasoline Additive Concentrate & Glass Cleaner & microfiber towel - donated by Vic Sorlie
2. Matt Dashiell - AMSOIL - 2 Bottles DOT 3&4 brake fluid Brake and parts Cleaner - donated by Vic Sorlie
3. Jyl Miller - AMSOIL - 2 Easy-packs (quarts) of Severe gear 75W-90 GL-5 gear lube - donated by Vic Sorlie
4. Mark Williams - Complete Car Detail - donated by Sewell BMW
5. Ben Qureshi - Oil Change - donated by Sewell BMW
6. Franco Maras - Complete Car detail - donated by Autobahn BMW
7. Mary Maras - Oil Change & Filter - donated by Autobahn BMW
8. Ted Glover - "THE ICON: 50 years of the 2002" by Jackie Jouret - donated by the Lone Star Chapter

BMW Maintenance Corner

Steve Hodges

Before heading out onto the track, BMW CCA requires us to have our brake fluid changed within the last 12 months (BMW used to be 1 year but has changed to 2 year intervals). Why you say? Brake fluid is hydrophilic, meaning it collects moisture from the air. Once there is water in the brake lines, water can boil, creating bubbles in the brake lines and reducing your braking capabilities. Being on the track, stopping is pretty important.

So, what do I need and how do I start?

1. DOT4 Brake Fluid (or if you really want to be race-ready, look for some race-specific DOT4 Brake Fluid, Castrol SRF).
2. A friend to pump the brakes or a pressure bleeder tool on your master cylinder
3. A wrench to open the bleeder valve (a line wrench)
4. A rubber hose and a bottle to collect used the Brake Fluid
5. Jack or lift to get the wheels up in the air and level to access the top of the caliper

The first step will be to open the hood and access the brake fluid reservoir. For modern cars, this is hidden under the cabin air filters on the driver's side. Next, raise the car level all the way around to access the brake bleeder valve on the rear passenger side. Connect the rubber hose and bottle and open the bleeder valve.

Once you open the valve, communicate with your friend: 1. Have them pump the brakes 4-5 times, 2. You tell them to hold it and the pedal will go to the floor, 3. You have opened the valve, 4. You close the valve when the pedal reaches the floor, 5. Announce the valve is closed and your friend can release pressure on the brakes. Do it 2-4 times. If you don't close the valve before they stop putting pressure on the brake pedal, you could introduce air into your brake lines.

You continue to do this procedure, starting from the longest point to the master cylinder (rear passenger, rear driver, front passenger, front driver). The goal is to cycle the brake fluid and clear out the old with the new. Make sure you are checking your brake fluid level as you move around the car.



HPDE Cresson

Raymond Mimick

We're preparing to have our first High Performance Driver's Education of the year on Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th. We have also opened up Friday

to Advanced Solo during our Instructor Training School to assist with adding more cars to the track. Friday, May 3rd is our second year of sponsorship from Autobahn and we will have a new Customer Experience and Education day for their customers.

Are you prepared for a full weekend of adventure on the track? Check back on MotorSportReg.com as we will occasionally have some openings based on cancellations and adding some students to our newly graduated Instructors.

For those joining us on the track, a vehicle inspection is required (you should receive an email requiring the values filled out). You can download them from our web site at <https://lscbmwcca.org/motorsports/driving-school/required-forms/>.

For those that have not been on track and want to see what the excitement is all about, come on out Saturday or Sunday and we can get you in an instructor's car to get the feel of the track in a car. For those participating, what are your typical areas to prep for?

1. Tires: If you are doing it well, you want some good, sticky tires. Last year, I had my street summer only tires and the track took chunks out of my tires requiring a replacement. If you can afford it, a second set of tires is your best bet for track day.
2. Brakes: Factory brakes are typically not completely ready for track days. I used my factory rotors and pads but by the end of the track weekend, the pads and rotors were worn out. For those with BMWs, you should have at least 10k of miles left on your brakes because it will eat about 7k of the range when you use your brakes
3. Gas: Expect to get about 7mpg of less when you are on the track.
4. Insurance: Most of the time your standard street insurance is not going to cover your car while it is on the track. Be sure to buy track insurance for the weekend to cover the fixed value

And last, enjoy your time on the track—this is where you have the chance to practice and improve your driving skills and visit with fellow track junkies. Don't forget to add **Nov 8th -10th** to your calendar for No Excuses in Hallett, OK.



2019 Event Schedule

April

Sat, 4/13: Bluebonnet Tour 9:00a-lunch. Dennis will lead our group along the Ennis Blue Bonnet Festival, enjoying the sites along the way. This will be much closer to a cruise along the route to take in the beauty of nature.

Sun, 4/14: Board Meeting 2:00p-4:00p @ Brickhouse Tavern + Tap in Grapevine.

Sat, 4/27: AutoX #3 @ Mineral Wells Airport

May

Fri, 5/3 - Sun, 5/5: BMW Customer Track Experience + Lone Star HPDE. The Lone Star chapter is returning to our local track for another exciting weekend of learning all about our cars. HPDE stands for High Performance Driver's Education and that's what we do. The event is structure for all skill levels with in-car instructors as you start out.

June

Sat, 6/8: AutoX #4 @ Mineral Wells Airport

Sun, 6/9: Board Meeting 2:00p-4:00p @ Uncle Julio's in Grapevine

Sat, 6/15: Nocona, TX and Muenster 9:00a. This route takes us from Chisholm Trail Elementary School in Sanger, TX up and round to our favorite bridge over the Red River and back to Muenster for lunch. After lunch, we'll lead a group over to Nocona and visit the Horton Classic Car Museum.

Sat, 6/29: AutoX #5 @ Texas Motor Speedway Bus Lot

July

Wed, 7/10-Sun, 7/14: Colorado. This multi-day trip will leave on a Wednesday, stop in Amarillo the first night and enjoy TEXAS (<https://www.texas-show.com/>) an outdoor musical within the Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Then, we'll continue to head into Colorado and cooler weather, awesome sights and twisty roads. We plan to stay west of Denver and visit things like the Rocky Mountain National Park and find some interesting places along the way. We'll setup MotorSportReg.com and work to keep the hotel costs at \$150/night (\$600), so budget about \$1500 for the entire trip (fuel + hotel + food).

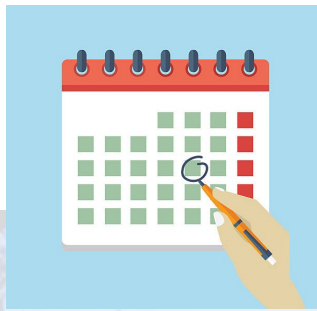
Sat, 7/20: AutoX #6 @ Mineral Wells Airport

Sat, 7/27: Tour combined/meet up with Sunbelt Chapter (still in progress). This year, we'd like to join the Sunbelt chapter in Oklahoma and/or Texas and meet new and old friends just over the border. Please stay tuned for more details.

August

Sun, 8/11: Board Meeting 2:00p-4:00p @ Uncle Julio's in Grapevine.

Sat, 8/17: East Texas Tour with stop at BMW of Tyler. We'll start from Buc-ees in Terrell



at 8:00a and then take some twisty-style roads toward Tyler, stopping at BMW of Tyler and hopefully adding more friends along the way. We'll then take a circular route to Mineola and stop at the East Texas Burger Co for lunch.

Sun, 8/25: AutoX #7 @ Lone Star Park

September

Sun, 9/8: McKinney afternoon drive. One of our few Sunday drives, we'll head out from the RaceTrac around 2:30p in McKinney, enjoy some of the roads north of McKinney and stop in Sherman for dinner.

Sat, 9/21: SW Fort Worth with stop at Hico Hotel. We'll return to some of our favorite roads in the Southwest Fort Worth area with a stop in Hico to enjoy a good lunch.

Sat, 9/28: AutoX #8 @ Mineral Wells Airport

October

Sun, 10/13: Board Meeting 2:00p-4:00p @ Uncle Julio's in Grapevine (This one may move if a lot of the board are going to South Carolina)

Tues, 10/15-Sat 10/19: O'fest in South Carolina. This is the 50th anniversary of the Oktoberfest and there are some rumors that O'fest in the future might look a little differently going forward. Make plans this year to head out to South Carolina for a big party in Greenville, home of the BMW Car Club of America, BMW CCA Foundation, the BMW Performance Center and the Spartanburg, SC plant. Typically for a week-long event, a

budget of about \$2,500 should be expected.

Sun, 10/20: AutoX #9 @ Lone Star Park

November

Fri, 11/8 – Sun, 11/10: Hallet No Excuses HPDE and Club Race. A joint venture of 5 chapters, the Lone Star Chapter along with the Sunbelt, Kansas City, St. Louis and the Great Plains chapters, we will be returning to Jennings, Oklahoma for No Excuses 11. While it's a little drive up north (it is actually at the end of the road of US-377), it's a great little track in a beautiful setting. This event will be setup with BMW CCA Club racing, so make plans to be there early Friday to watch the action.

December

Sun, 12/8: Dallas Marathon Show & Shine 7:30-2:30p. We are expecting to be invited back out to the Marathon for our 4th year showing off our cars. We'd love to have you come and join in on rooting for these runners – running 13.1 miles (half) or 26.2 miles (full) is not a simple task. Not just cheering on the runners, we'll also walk around and enjoy parts of Deep Ellum and the Farmer's Market.

Sun, 12/8: Board Meeting 3:00p-4:30p @ Matt's Rancho Martinez in Dallas.

Sat, 12/14: Toy Run. While delayed this year by a weekend, we'll still plan to make a toy run, starting at the AP Travel Center in Valley View (13965 S IH 36 Valley View, TX) and run East, enjoying the roads long the way.