



Sandlapper Autocross

Event Date: October 17, 2010

Story by Denise Gagnon

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It was a beautiful fall day at the BMW Performance Center in Spartanburg, SC . We arrived mid-afternoon for the Sandlapper Autocross. A small crowd of spectators was on hand to watch as drivers attempted to turn their fastest times on the track. I did not sign up to run the event this time but I attended as fan, and to take some pictures.

I brought my mother-in-law, Carol, along for the ride. She'd never been to the Performance Center before. She kept asking if she could drive her Toyota on the track. I declined to respond thinking it was best to just keep quiet. I didn't want to tell her that she and the Toyota on the track was never going to happen.

We sat close to the track and directly across from the starting line. I asked who was leading overall and learned that a red MINI that looked like a 'race car' was dominating the field. There were no E30 M3's at the event and only 3 MINI's in total. There was one

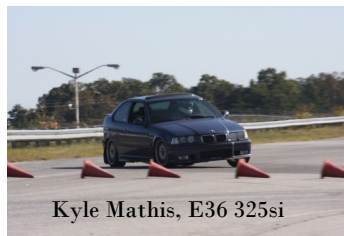
X5, 8-series, E21 3-series and MZ3.

At the end of the day the red MINI JCW Challenge car driven by Per Olof Ezelius conquered the field with the winning time of 1:27:183. All in all it was a perfect day at the track. With

the exception of a few crushed and battered pylons there were no major mishaps or accidents. Hopefully the planning for our next Autocross event is underway, because this time I won't be on the sidelines.



Per Olof Ezelius, MINI JCW Challenge



Kyle Mathis, E36 325si



Larry Gilbertson, 135i

Fastest times for the various chassis of cars in attendance

Official FTD*	1:27.183	MINI JCW Challenge	Per Olof Ezelius
2nd Fastest Time*	1:31.149	Black E36 M332i	Mike Turner
3rd Fastest Time*	1:31.488	BMW	Mike Renner
Fastest Time 1-Series, all	1:36.312	E82 135i	Larry Gilbertson
Fastest Time E30	1:36.354	325is	Alex Chapman
Fastest Time E36 M3	1:34.955	Violet	Michael Kuhl
Fastest Time E46 M3	1:33.193		John Armstrong
Fastest Time E90/92 M3	1:34.799	E92	Michael Lee
Fastest Time M5	1:38.498	E39	Keith Miller
Fastest Time 5-Series, all	1:45.817	E39 540i	Mert Ciller
Fastest Time E36 & newer	1:36.930	E36	Chris Thompson
Fastest Time 2002	1:54.029	2002	Louie Mills
Fastest Time MINI / MINI S	1:33.966	MINI S	Stuart Kestenbaum

*Not included in class breakdown

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Note: Times are not posted where any car was the only one of it's kind at the event.

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President's Corner

Greetings Sandlappers.

In 2010 we enjoyed many different events in our Ultimate Driving Machines. We hosted and participated in multiple mountain weekends, socials, parties, rallies, races, concourses, and track events. If you missed these events in 2010, stay tuned to email and the website for announcements on 2011 events. A couple that you should be considering now, and making room reservations for are; Oktoberfest 2011 will be in Birmingham and Barber Motorsport Park in the fall of 2011. This venue is close enough to enjoy a couple of days for a reasonable trip expense; Hilton Head and Savannah will be host for the Hilton Head Island Concourse the last weekend of October. The Westin in Savannah is the host hotel for track events. The featured mark for 2011 is BMW. More on these later.....

Our 2010 events would not be possible without volunteers. They are the heart of the club and we couldn't do it without them. I'd like to extend many thanks to each of you who volunteer in our chapter's daily operations, and those of you who regularly volunteer to operate our events. Remember, the club is we and we are the club. Nothing happens without those of you who willingly donate your time. For 2011, if you'd like to volunteer for anything, or suggest any event that you'd like to be involved in organizing, please don't hesitate to contact your regional VP or me for further discussion. We welcome suggestions and new ideas.

We will have a new website coming on-line in early 2011. I'll announce its debut via email. It will have new calendars for event coordination and a "members only" section for access to Sandlapper information and chapter merchandise. Be sure you are on the email list for information as this and the activities come on-line.

Please consider that we should all be recruiting members for our group. New members are welcome and necessary for survival. Someone we recruit may be our eventual Chapter President, Board member, or event organizer. Let's endeavor to attract younger owners and enthusiasts. They are our future.



I look forward to meeting more of you in 2011 at our upcoming events.

Regards, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Holidays.

Dwayne Mosley
President



From the Editor

Happy New Year!

Each year, as the new year arrives, I think back to how fast the previous year went. I think of all the things I accomplished and I make a mental list of everything I want to do in the new year. As I think back to last year, I think about how I wanted to have my car professionally waxed; I think about how I kept meaning to check the air in my tires as the weather got cold; I think about how many times I passed the car wash and thought 'I just don't have time to do that right now, I'll do that another day'; I think about how many times I missed the Sandlapper Chapter meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month because I worked too late to make the meeting on time.

As you can see from the list above there is a recurring theme. I can't get everything done that I want or need to do. I'm hoping this will be my year of change. I'm going to make a pointed effort to do more of the things that I want to do and spend less time working at my 'day' job. All I can do is make a plan and try to stick to it.

As part of my plan to get done all of those things that I want to do, I asked for and received a tire pressure gauge in my holiday stocking. I figured it was about time for me take control of the situation. Knowing my husband loves to buy me gadgets, assuming he'll get them back by default when I don't use them, he got me a fancy gauge. It has a light, an LED readout, and there is even a setting that lets me record the normal pressure for the front and rear tires. Well so much for my husband thinking he's going to get this gift back, because I plan to use that tire gauge. I won't promise myself I'll use it weekly or anything crazy like that but I'm willing to commit to quarterly. Now if I can just make a plan to get my car waxed I'll be all set. :)

I'm not sure if you noticed but our newsletter has a new logo. Go ahead, take a look at the front and back pages. Do you like it? Each chapter must have an official logo using the

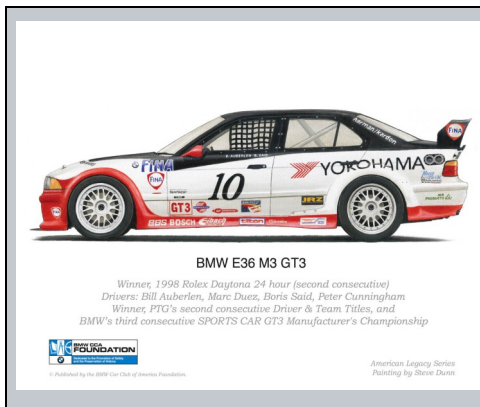
roundel in compliance with BMW's new logo standards. It should appear on formal communications such as stationery, websites and newsletters. The logo, and the use of the roundel allows our club to signify that we are recognized by BMW as the official car club in the United States. If you have questions about the new logo standards, please direct your questions to Frank Patek at frank.patek@bmwcca.org.

The club still has items displaying the old logo if you want to consider purchasing a piece of history. I'm not sure how long the old logo items will be available though, so don't wait too long if you really want something.

I hope to see you at the Holiday Recovery Party on February 19th.



*Denise Gagnon,
Newsletter Editor*



BMW CCA Foundation Print

We have just released the latest print in the American Legacy Series – the BMW E36 M3 GT3 sedan that won the 1998 24-Hours of Daytona. This car was driven by Bill Auberlen, Boris Said, Mark Duez and Peter Cunningham.

The prints are \$85 each plus shipping.

To purchase go to our store link below – also see our other prints and great BMW merchandise. <http://bmwccafoundation-shop.streetsurvival.org/catalog/>

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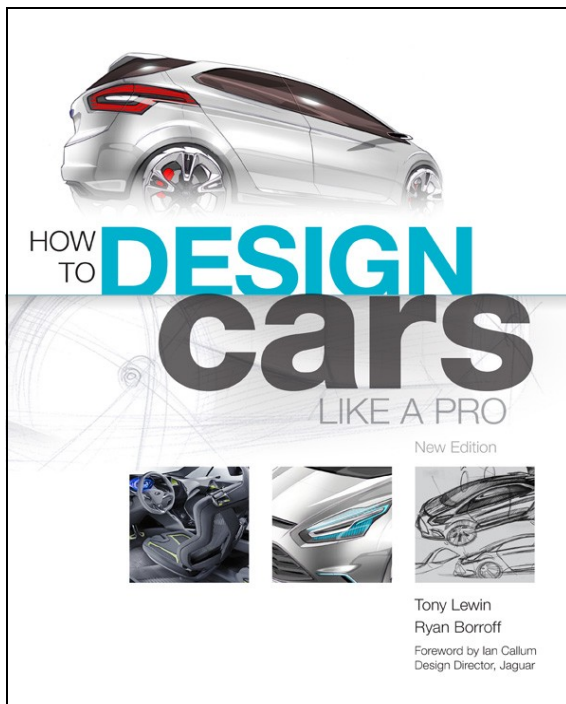
How to Design Cars Like a Pro

Review by Michael R. Mitchell

Do you find yourself at work or in a meeting doodling your fantasy car on a pad of paper? Do you wish you could be the next Chris Bangle or Gordon Murray? Well, here is a book that can help you get started.

How to Design Cars Like A Pro by Tony Lewin and Ryan Borroff is an in-depth look at modern automotive design. This book shows some of the wild and crazy designs in the automotive history. Some have made it to production while others weren't so successful. There are interviews from key designers from all the major automotive manufacturers. This book even includes a tutorial on how to design a car. Get your color pencils and crayons out!

This book is 208 pages with both color and black/white photos. The book is \$29.99. ISBN 978-0-7603-3695-3. IT is available through www.motorbooks.com – great book to add to the automotive enthusiast collection.



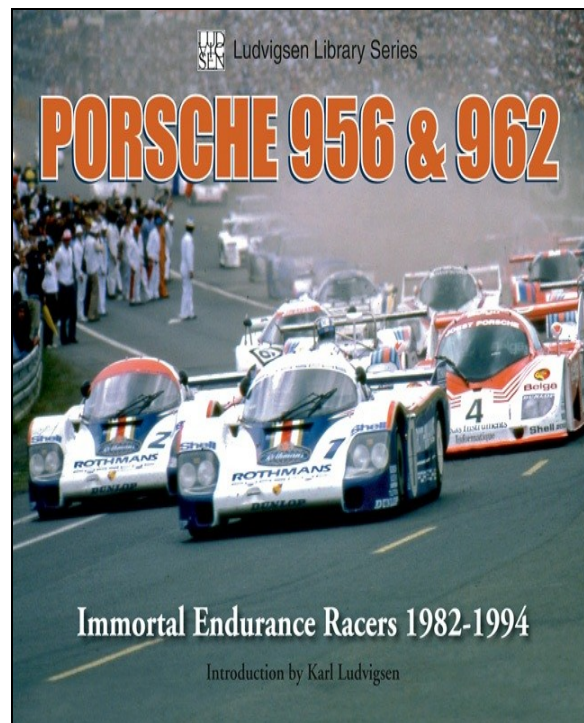
Porsche 956 & 962

Review by Michael R. Mitchell

I know what you are thinking...”Porsche? This is a BMW Car Club!” Yes, you are correct. However, we do have some members that are in the Porsche club. I wanted to share this book with them. I have to personally say I was a fan of these cars and enjoyed watching them race back in the day. I wish sports car prototype racing would come back like the days of the Porsche 956.

Would it help the BMW people if I said Hans Stuck is in this book...yes, he drove for Porsche at one time. Well this Porsche 956 & 962 book is by Karl Ludvigsen. This book is 128 pages filled with some rare photos from Karl's collection on the factory and private team cars. It shows the car from the early development stages up through 1994.

This book is \$32.95 through www.motorbooks.com. ISBN 978-1-58388-269-6



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Sandlapper Autocross Times

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Name	Car	Car#	Fastest
Mike Renner	BMW	1	1:31.488
Erkin Akbiyik	E36 M3	2	1:35.499
Edward Albin	E36 M3	3	2:00.591
Robert Patterson	E36 M3	4	1:35.228
John Armstrong	E46 M3	5	1:35.228
Brian Blackstock	135i	6	1:42.234
Michael Brown	E21 323i Euro	7	1:44.403
Mark Burkley	X5	8	1:54.782
Mert Ciller	E39 540i	9	1:45.817
Christopher Comer	335i	10	1:44.543
Tim Dennison	E46 M3	11	1:36.493
Jim Dwight	128iC	12	1:50.731
Carl Eichel	2002	13	1:49.691
John Anderson	E39 M5	14	1:51.085
Bob Shields	E30 340is	15	1:30.460
		16	no times
Per Olof Ezelius	JCW Challenge MINI	17	1:27.183
David Gilbertson	E30 325is	18	1:36.430
Larry Gilbertson	135i	19	1:40.780
Steven Glenn	E39 540i	20	1:52.012
Victor Hirth	E92 M3	21	1:38.680
Jimmy Hunt	MINI S	22	1:39.865
Adam Jurewicz	E39 M5	23	1:41.588
Michael Kuhl	E36 M3	24	1:34.955
Michael Lee	E92 M3	25	1:34.799
Charles MacDonald	328i	26	1:44.478
John Applegit	E35 318ti	27	1:54.329
James Conlon	E46 330Ci	28	1:45.546
Laszlo Makrai	840Ci	29	1:37.640
		30	no times
		31	no times
Alex Chapman	E30 325is	32	1:36.354
Christopher Masiero	E46 330Cic ZHP	33	1:50.077

Name	Car	Car#	Fastest
Kyle Mathis	E36 325is	34	1:47.644
Mark McCall	E46 325i	35	1:43.432
Keith Miller	E39 M5	36	1:38.498
Louie Mills	E30 325iC	37	1:54.575
Greg Morton	E46 330i	38	1:41.725
Mitchell Morton	2002tii	39	1:52.142
Andrew Nelson	M Roadster (Z3)	40	1:33.060
Bryan Price	E36 M3	41	1:35.363
Jim Reid	E90 M3	42	1:39.297
Steven Schlossman	E35 318ti	43	1:42.195
Brent Seay	E92 335i	44	1:40.249
Charles Shults	135i	45	1:42.832
		46	no times
John Meek	E36 M3/4	47	1:37.039
		48	no times
Bob Smith	E36 M3	49	1:41.124
Stuart James	E46 M3	50	1:34.800
Graham Stockley	E46 330i	51	1:44.943
Greg Szymik	E46 M3	52	1:45.807
Chris Thompson	E36	53	1:36.930
Lee Thompson	E30 318is	54	1:45.326
Michael Turner	E36 M332i/4	55	1:31.149
Carlisle Vereen	E36 M3	56	1:38.398
Philip Wagoner	E46 330i	57	1:37.787
Marc Young	E46 M3	58	1:43.523
Stuart Kestenbaum	MINI S	59	1:33.966
		60	no times
Dwayne Mosley	E92 M3	61	1:32.148
Ronn Hale	E36 M3	62	1:40.247
Terraceina Applegit	E35 318ti	63	2:07.310
Brian Few	E90 330Ci	64	1:41.231
Julie Conlon	E46 330ic	65	2:08.153



Welcome New Sandlapper BMW CCA Members

Chapman	Lee	Moore	SC	535iS	1987
Boerboom	Ryan	Mount Pleasant	SC	135i	2011
Saunders	Wayne	Hilton Head Island	SC	328i Convertible	2011
Tappa	Eric	Columbia	SC	Z4	
Tappa	Kim	Columbia	SC		
Harper	Mark	Mt Pleasant	SC	325i	2003
Curtis	Earnest	Atlanta	GA	740il	2001
Friedman	Daniel	Pawleys Island	SC	M3	2011
Merchey	Jason	Charleston	SC		
Sugameli	Jack	Lake Wylie	SC	2002	1976
Sugameli	Frank	Lake Wylie	SC		
Humphries	Chris	Greer	SC	M5	2000
Hoover	Steve	Greenville	SC		
Fenno	Edward	Charleston	SC		
Greene	Justin	Spartanburg	SC	335i	2008
Gray	Jim	Spartanburg	SC		
Lewis	Ernest	Greer	SC	5401	1999
Chebatoris	Richard	Greer	SC		
Chebatoris	Jennifer	Greer	SC		
Owens	Michael	Duncan	SC	650	2006
Ashley	Jenna	Williamston	SC		
Pagenkopf	Randall	Mount Pleasant	SC		

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2/19/11-Holiday Recovery Party / Driving and Dinner at the Performance Center; More info soon via email.

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Matthews, NC 28104

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Turn Right at traffic signal. Go 1.4 miles onto Stallings Road.

- Pass over RR track & turn right onto Industrial Dr.

- Turn Right onto Seaboard Dr.



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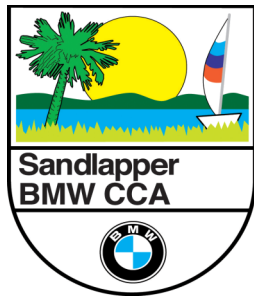
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