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San Diego Chapter

# Membership Guide

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# Who We Are: Chapter Overview

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The San Diego Chapter of the BMW CCA is an extremely active and dedicated chapter, with over 1,400 members. It covers all of greater San Diego, spanning all of San Diego and Imperial counties, as well as most of Riverside and San Bernadino counties.

**Our chapter is run entirely by volunteers who donate their time and effort to benefit their fellow members.**

We organize and sponsor dozens of driving and social events each year, including a high-performance driving school, a BMW Performance Center event, the Jack Cavanaugh Memorial Car Show, Clean Car Contest and Charity Auction, and driving tours on the best roads of San Diego and beyond.

We also have a very active autocross program at one of the largest venues in the nation. The West lot of SDCCU Stadium features challenging courses about every six weeks (rain or shine) up to one and a half miles long! Winners of each car class receive a trophy at each event.

The San Diego Chapter also hosts car-control clinics each year. These clinics provide basic car-control skills training and techniques for our members and their friends. We believe the result of these clinics is the saving of many lives over the years.



While we are a car club, not everything we do involves driving—far from it! We have a rich array of social activities, including trivia nights, tech sessions at local auto shops, weekend getaways, local meet-and-greets in various areas within the region, and many more activities. In addition, we organize paddock tours at professional races such as the Long Beach Grand Prix.

If you want to meet like-minded enthusiasts who share your passion for the Ultimate Driving Machine, the San Diego BMW CCA Chapter is the place for you!

# Membership Benefits

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## **Membership Reward Rebate Program**

Members in good standing for the past twelve months, or members who purchase a three-year membership, may be eligible for a rebate on the purchase or lease of a new or Certified Pre-Owned (CPO) BMW. The rebates range from \$250 to \$1,500, depending on model. This benefit alone more than pays for the cost of your BMW CCA membership! For more information, go here: [www.bmwcca.org/vehicle\\_rebate](http://www.bmwcca.org/vehicle_rebate).

## **Club Events**

Members in good standing have exclusive access to local and national events held throughout the year. These events include social gatherings, tech sessions, car-control clinics to sharpen your driving skills, autocrosses, driving tours through local back roads, and high-performance driving schools at real race tracks. CCA members also get a 15% discount at the BMW Performance Centers on events such as M Schools. More information on all these events can be found within this guide and on our website, [www.sdbmwcca.com](http://www.sdbmwcca.com).

## **Roundel Magazine**

The BMW Car Club of America's national full-color magazine, published twelve times a year, provides coverage of club events around the country. Feature stories cover new BMW models, special models, and adventures, while colorful, insightful personality columnists keep us entertained and informed on a monthly basis. With 120-plus pages of articles, reviews, and event coverage, *Roundel* has been called "the best car-club magazine on the planet" by *Car and Driver* magazine. The current issue can be found on the national website: [www.bmwcca.org/roundel\\_mag](http://www.bmwcca.org/roundel_mag).

## **Fahren Affairs**

Our San Diego Chapter's local newsletter is published each quarter. It is your connection to the activities and perks of your chapter membership. and provides coverage of prior and upcoming chapter events. Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos for each issue. Please contact the newsletter editor at [sd-newsletter@sdbmwcca.com](mailto:sd-newsletter@sdbmwcca.com). The current issue of *Fahren Affairs* is always available for download from the home page of our website, [www.sdbmwcca.com](http://www.sdbmwcca.com).

## Networks To Help You

One of the reasons to be in a club is to have a place to go when you have questions or issues. Among the perks of BMW CCA membership is access to our Technical Service Advisors and an ombudsman to help with dealer issues. The national online forums give you a place to connect with the BMW CCA community. For members interested in buying and selling BMW-related items, the national website offers free classified ads. Members may also submit classified ads to *Roundel* magazine at [www.bmwcca.org/classifieds](http://www.bmwcca.org/classifieds).

## Product And Service Discounts

Being a member also provides discounts with national corporations offering products and services ranging from hotels, insurance, rental cars, tires, and more. Visit [www.bmwcca.org/membershipbenefits/discounts](http://www.bmwcca.org/membershipbenefits/discounts).

## Local Shop Discounts

Many local shops offer discounts on parts, labor, and services to BMW CCA members. A list of the shops currently offering discounts in the San Diego area can be found on page 32 of this guide.



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# Social Events

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Our chapter puts a tremendous emphasis on organizing a wide variety of events to offer our members. The following pages feature some of our favorite annual social events—The Jack Cavanaugh Memorial Car Show, Clean Car Contest and Charity Auction, the Long Beach Grand Prix Paddock Tour, and our Tech Sessions. We also host local meet and greets, board meetings each month (yes, these can be fun!), trivia nights, karting challenges, social gatherings, chapter parties, and more! What better way to get to know your fellow club members than to attend a San Diego Chapter social event?

For the latest social events, see  
the event calendar online:

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## Jack Cavanaugh Memorial Car Show, Clean Car Contest, And Charity Auction

Each year, San Diego members shine up their cars and display them under the sun on the picturesque lawn of Spanish Landing Park on San Diego Bay. Attendees can show their cars as Display Only, or compete for trophies in judged car classes ranging from Clean (interior, exterior, and trunk), Super Clean (interior, exterior, trunk, and engine) and Masters (any previous First Place in Super Clean.)

Members, family, and friends can picnic at the park, enjoying fresh bratwurst and baked goods while viewing the gleaming historic and modern vehicles.

The day's fun continues at the Charity Auction, where thousands of dollars in dealer-donated items and BMW memorabilia are auctioned to the highest bidders. All proceeds go to the United Ostomy Association. Over the years, tens of thousands of dollars have been donated by San Diego Club members to this worthy cause.





## Long Beach Grand Prix Paddock Tours

In April of each year, members journey up the coast to attend the Long Beach Grand Prix. Saturday is absolutely packed with qualifying sessions and races for sports cars, historic racers, and IndyCars. Stadium Super Trucks get massive air off jumps around the circuit, and the Motegi Racing Super Drift Challenge lays down rubber and smoke.

Over the years, BMW teams such as Turner Motorsport and BMW Team Rahal Letterman Lanigan have graciously invited our members to exclusive paddock tours. Technical details of their new race cars are revealed, followed by Q&A sessions with engineers, team managers, and their professional drivers. A paddock tour is a unique opportunity to see firsthand BMW's most cutting-edge technologies built for the track, and to meet the people testing and racing them at a professional level.





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## **Tech Sessions**

Are you interested in learning more about what makes your BMW the Ultimate Driving Machine? Do you like to know how to maintain your car properly to maximize performance? Or maybe you are dreaming about participating in a concours event and would like to learn how to prepare your car for the show?

We host several events throughout the year, hosted by BMW dealerships and local shops in our area, providing an excellent environment in which our members can learn more about their cars.

### **Detailing and Paintless Dent Repair Workshops**

Sessions that cover automotive detailing are very useful for learning the correct way to maintain your car's sparkling looks—inside and out. You can learn what products, tools, and techniques work best for keeping your car looking it's best. Join our detailing events to learn about the latest products and techniques such as ceramic coating and protective film applications.

## **Vehicle Maintenance**

Interested in learning about the latest technology in your BMW? Want to know how to perform common maintenance procedures yourself? Then attend a Tech Session with a certified BMW-trained mechanic. These sessions help do-it-yourself types learn new repair techniques for their vehicles and provide an opportunity to ask questions of a knowledgeable professional.

### **Dyno Days**

See how much power your car is really putting out at a Dyno Day. At these special events, your car is set up on a dynamometer machine, which measures horsepower and torque as your vehicle spins the dyno's rollers. This is useful information to see if your car is performing properly, or just for bragging rights! A broad range of cars attend these events, from electric cars to modified M cars, and everything in between. We often finish the day with a lunch where we compare results amongst similar cars.



# Driving Tours

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Would you like to explore and enjoy the San Diego back roads with other BMW driving enthusiasts, then socialize with them at destinations and events that engender club camaraderie? Then consider participating in one of the tours our chapter offers throughout the year. There's something about traveling in your BMW with a group of Bimmerphiles that provides an exhilarating experience unlike any other type of event the club offers. Neither strictly a driving event nor a social event, tours meld the two event types together to provide a rewarding experience for participants.

Our tours originate from various locations throughout the greater San Diego Area, and destinations extend as far north as Big Bear, and as far east as Anzo-Borego desert. After reaching our destination, we typically have lunch at a nearby quality, reasonably priced restaurant.

One weekend each year, our chapter hosts a special type of Driving Tour—the Overnight Tour. Departing Saturday morning, members explore more distant roads leading toward an overnight destination. After checking in at a hotel of their choice, members meet for dinner

and evening social activities. On Sunday morning, the fun continues discovering more amazing roads back to San Diego, typically arriving home by early afternoon.

### **Recent Tour destinations have included:**

- Palm Springs
- Big Bear Mountain
- The Petersen Museum in Los Angeles
- Joshua Tree National Park
- Angeles Crest Highway

So the next time you want to participate in a club driving event, but also want to socialize with members in a casual, unhurried setting, consider road testing a tour. You'll be pleased you did.

**“Through the Driving Tours, I’ve discovered some of the best roads San Diego county has to offer. We’re fortunate to have such an amazing variety of roads and scenery all within a few hours drive.”** —Driving Tour Participant



# Car-Control Clinic

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## Car-Control Clinic Overview

Imagine knowing what to do when your car begins to slide. Imagine being in control during that panic stop. Even if you think you know what you're doing, come out and explore your car's limits—and your own limits!—in a controlled setting.

Car-control skills are learned techniques that are fundamental to high-performance driving, but these skills can also enhance your ability to be a safe driver in normal everyday situations. Our Car-Control Clinics (CCC) are for all drivers—teenagers, young adults, and mature drivers. Most driver-education courses focus on the *rules* of driving, but these clinics teach valuable hands-on skills which you can immediately apply to daily driving.

The CCC program is structured for people without any previous experience in high-performance driving. We explore vehicle dynamics in a controlled environment, with you in the driver's seat of your own car, and an instructor by your side. Instruction is tailored to fit the needs of each driver.

## Program Synopsis

The day-long program consists of a morning classroom session covering car control and vehicle dynamics. Attendees then participate in four different driving exercises:

- ABS Braking, to minimize braking distance
- Lane Change, to practice accident avoidance
- Decreasing-Radius Corner, to explore their cars' understeer and oversteer characteristics
- Slalom, to practice steering, gas, and brake control.

After lunch, the final driving exercise has students completing laps on a small autocross course. This fan-favorite exercise integrates all of the skills learned throughout the day, and always brings a smile to every participant!



# Autocross

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**“I learned more car control in a few autocrosses than all of the training it took to get my driver’s license!”**—Autocross Participant

You’ve seen the photos and results posted in the *Fahren Affairs* and you’ve wondered, “Who are these happy people—and what are they doing with their cars every month? What is this autocross thing all about? How do I get involved, and what can I expect?”

The San Diego Chapter autocross series is the place for all levels of driving enthusiasts to come to learn about themselves and their cars’ capabilities by exploring limits in a safe and controlled environment. Our program is competitive, but well known as a welcoming and friendly atmosphere where everyone can come to learn the fine art of autocrossing.

Autocross is an automotive competition in which competitors navigate an obstacle course of traffic cones laid out on a generally flat surface in an open parking

lot. Participants compete against the clock to see who can run the course the fastest without knocking down any cones. Autocross focuses on car control over flat-out speed, and course speeds generally don’t exceed legal freeway speeds.

Nervous? Apprehensive? Not sure you can do it? Not to worry! All first-timers and novice drivers receive an experienced instructor ride along to help you feel comfortable and guide you as you navigate the course. We use a consistent teaching style that ensures that you will get the most out of your day with us. Anyone can request an instructor—in fact, most of our regular attendees request one during the day. They’re awesome!

### **Who Can Participate?**

We welcome any BMW CCA member to participate in our autocrosses. No prior experience is necessary; in fact, we specialize in first-timers! There are specific car classes for BMWs and Minis, as well as an “X” class for other cars. All classes are eligible to compete for trophies, so come join the fun, regardless of the make or model of your car.



Only licensed drivers age 16 or older may drive at our events. If you're under 18, your parents or guardians must complete and sign a minor waiver in order for you to participate. We encourage parents to join their kids, and kids to join their parents, at these family-friendly events.

All participants must wear a helmet with current Snell certification to drive or ride as a passenger. If you don't own a helmet, a limited number of loaners are available for a small charge.

### **Autocross Day!**

On the day of the event, all drivers are assigned a number and a run group. Each run group alternates between driving, working (picking up cones), and resting. When you're not working or driving, we encourage you to take rides with experienced instructors so you can increase your learning, or just go out and have fun as a passenger. At the end of the day, everyone helps pick up cones, pack the trailer, and cheer on the winners during the awards ceremony. We hope to see you soon at one of our amazing San Diego Chapter autocrosses!

### **A TYPICAL AUTOCROSS DAY**

6:30am	Gates Open
7:00am	Registration and Tech Inspection Opens
8:00am	Tech Inspection Closes
8:20am	Mandatory Drivers' Meeting
9:00am	Course Opens (Run groups alternate all day)
11:30am	Lunch Opens
1:30pm	Lunch Closes
2:00pm	Timed Runs
4:00pm	Site Cleanup and Pack Equipment Trailer
5:00pm	Site Closes

*Photos and results posted online*



# High-Performance Driving School

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## What could be better than the ultimate driving school for the ultimate driving machine—with an ultimate driving coach?

As you've learned by now, your BMW has some pretty amazing performance and handling capabilities. Its prowess might even be encouraging you to push its limits... and yours. But where is the safest place to do this? We think it is on a track. That is why the San Diego Chapter offers High Performance Driving Schools at tracks in our area.

### **What is high performance, advanced driving?**

High-performance, advanced driving is an art and a science; that's why our schools provide one-on-one instruction and coaching in your car. Why your car? So you can experience the art of driving firsthand in a vehicle you're familiar with. And our classroom sessions on the physics, theories, and techniques help you better understand the science of driving.

But what does this all mean, really? You'll be driving your car at speed on a track, learning to better control your car and understand how it reacts to your hands and feet. This will help prepare you for emergencies, both on the track and on the street. While you will explore the capabilities of both yourself and your car, you won't be pushed or encouraged to go any faster than you are comfortable.

### **How are the schools conducted?**

Driving schools are very structured and safe. Safety is our number-one goal and we have an excellent track record, with very few incidents in over 30 years of providing high-performance-driving schools. If you are concerned about possible damage to your car, be aware that recent changes to many automobile policies have limited coverage while at a driving school. However, high-performance-driving event insurance coverage is available at a very reasonable price.

### **Who teaches the schools?**

Our instructor corps is very experienced; many have been instructing for over twenty years, and a good

number have extensive racing experience. The focus for our instructors is good communication with their students. Your instructor will have considerable track-driving experience and will have received special training to help you learn comfortably and quickly. The San Diego Chapter, along with the rest of the Pacific Region BMW CCA, has spent over thirty years building a top-notch corps of experienced and talented instructors.

**But what about other organizations who provide track days, lapping days, open track time, and driving schools?**

We believe that our instruction and coaching are a big part of what sets us apart from other track events. You will have the same instructor for the entire day; for two-day events, you have the advantage of different instructors. Even if you've been signed off to drive solo, our instructors are still always available and eager to work with you. In addition, our exemplary safety record means the chances of an on-track incident are very low at BMW CCA driving schools.

*Advantages of a San Diego Chapter driving school:*

**1. Run groups are organized by experience, providing nearly 2 hours of driving per day.** And with your in-car instructor helping you improve your driving techniques, you're sure to maximize your growth in every session on track.

**2. The number of students allowed in any run group is limited.** Others try to get as many cars on the track as they can, as many as 30 cars per track mile. Limiting our run group size makes for a better driving experience.

**3. We provide a safe and educational environment to learn high performance driving.** We are especially proud of our all-volunteer, not-for-profit driving schools. This program is a special benefit for all BMW CCA members to enhance their driving experience.

Join us at our next High Performance Driving School to find out what all the fun and excitement are all about!





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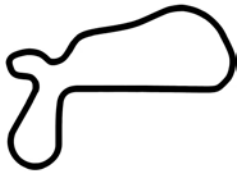
### **Buttonwillow Raceway Park**

Buttonwillow Raceway Park is a road-racing facility located in Southern California, about one hour north of Los Angeles. Three separate track configurations are available: the West loop, 1.86 miles; the East loop, 1.06 miles; and the combined track, 3.1 miles. The track can be run clockwise or counterclockwise. Professional teams, car manufacturers, and aftermarket-accessory companies use the facilities to develop, improve, and refine their products.



### **Chuckwalla Valley Raceway**

Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, located about one hour east of Palm Springs, was built in 2010 and is considered by many to be Southern California's premier road course. Situated on over 1,100 acres, the seventeen-turn, 2.68-mile track was designed to be run in both clockwise and counterclockwise directions and to provide the safest possible motorsports experience for everyone, from beginners to experienced drivers.



### **Willow Springs International Raceway**

The main track at Willow Springs Raceway, informally called "Big Willow," is a challenging 2.5-mile (4.0 km) road course consisting of nine turns; it remains unchanged from its original 1953 configuration. The layout is built for speed, but combines it with turns and elevation changes to offer a unique challenge. The interesting elevation changes and high average speeds make it a favorite of many road-racing drivers.

# Club Discounts

One of the many member benefits of BMW CCA are discounts at various participating shops and dealers. Here you can find the businesses in our area who offer a member discount. Businesses may require you to show your current BMW CCA membership card in order to receive the discount.

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BMW of El Cajon	15% parts/service	888 690-0685	<a href="http://bmwofelcajon.com">bmwofelcajon.com</a>
BMW of Escondido	15% parts/labor	760 745-3000	<a href="http://bmwofescondido.com">bmwofescondido.com</a>
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**For a new membership or to renew an existing one**, please call toll free (800) 878-9292 or visit [www.bmwcca.org](http://www.bmwcca.org). Visa and Mastercard accepted.

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