

THE ALLEGHENY APEX

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and the chapter won't let you miss the news.*



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Street Survival Class
for Young Drivers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Fills Fall with Annual Traditions



CHAPTER EVENTS

35th Annual Fall Leaves Tour & Picnic
October 14 @ 10:00 am-5:00pm

**Watters Smith
Memorial State Park
Jane Lew, WV 26378**

Annual Last Drive 2017
November 4 @ 10:00 am-5:00pm

**Perkins Rt 19
Cranberry Twp, 20013**

**Route 19
Cranberry Twp, PA 16066**

2018 Calendar Reveal
December 7 @ 6:00 pm-8:00pm

**Pasqualino's
4430 William Penn Hwy
Murrysville, PA 15668**

NATIONAL EVENTS

48th Annual Oktoberfest
October 31, 2017 to
November 4, 2017

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Each year the BMW Car Club of America throws a party—a world famous party known as Oktoberfest and sometimes simply O'Fest. This movable celebration of everything BMW occurs at exciting locations throughout the country and is the ultimate motorsport family reunion. This year we are fortunate enough to have our family reunion presented by Michelin once again! Where do you go when it is time to get away?

EVENT APPAREL

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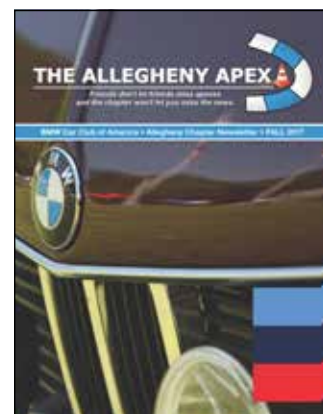
Apex Editor Appreciates Support

BY JOHNA SNYDER

The Allegheny Apex Editor

This newsletter was not a solo effort and I would like to thank the ROCK stars who assisted: Allen Christian, Emilio Veneziano, Ryan Wooldridge, Richard Daugherty, George Snyder, Lisa Craig, Michael Sanchez, Minuteman Press Downtown Pittsburgh, Marianne Meehan, George Mitchell, Lori

Jackson, Melissa Cunningham and finally to those who have placed their ads with us. Their contribution to the newsletter not only makes it special but allows us to continue to bring you the news in full color. Please consider these ads the next time you are in need of their services.



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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Club Plans Fun for All Seasons

Fall Events Include Annual Last Drive and 2018 Calendar Reveal

BY GEORGE SNYDER
Allegheny Chapter President

It is scary to think that summer is quickly coming to an end and before we know it the snowflakes will be in the air.

What a busy summer it has been. The PVGP always consumes a ton of time and resources. But at the end of the weekends there is always a smile on my face because I am extremely thankful for members of the chapter that give of themselves graciously to help out.

Then there is the annual pool party at the Suttons. It is always a great way to spend the day with old and new friends, check out some cool cars and eat some good food. Thank you to the Suttons for yet again opening up their home to the chapter and hosting a wonderful event.

Earlier in September was the annual J&D Wine cellars event. This event seems to grow in popularity each year. J&D have a wonderful setting and thank you to Dee Sutton for hosting the event.

By the time this is hot off the presses another Street Survival program will have

come and gone. Thank you to Greg for taking up the challenge of Street Survival and making it a success year after year. Also we will have had another planning meeting for Ofest/PVGP 18.

Coming up in October is AutoCross session 6, the annual Fall leaves Tour

Then in November will be the Annual Last drive of the year and then in December will be the Calendar reveal. Please keep watch on your emails, the chapter web site and twitter for updates regarding the above mentioned events.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and is having a great start to the fall so far.

Hopefully over the next couple months everyone will have the chance to come out to an event. If you have an idea for an event or a location for a drive or place for us to have dinner at please do let us know.

As always, I want to say thank you. I truly appreciate all the time, energy and a lot of times sweat, that you all put into the chapter.

So before the snowflakes fly—get out drive the cars that you love and enjoy!

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STREET SURVIVAL

Chapter Educates Teen Drivers

Members Host Annual Allegheny Chapter Safe-Driving Program Event

BY MELISSA CUNNINGHAM

A 16-year old is 20 percent more likely to be killed in a crash than an adult.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for all 15-20 year olds.

The two statements listed above are banners located at the top of the Street Survival webpage. Street Survival is a program that provides teenagers an environment to learn driving skills necessary in today's world. Some of the exercises that the students experience are slalom, emergency lane change, and threshold braking.

On Sunday, September 24 the Allegheny Chapter hosted the Street Survival event at Pittsburgh International Race Complex. I didn't notice too much energy from the students that morning, but it was an early start on a Sunday. To make the morning harder, a portion of the Pennsylvania Turnpike was closed due to a bridge being replaced that



Real world. Hands on.

When a teen driver attends a Street Survival school, we teach them to control your car in unpredictable situations based on its handling limits.

They master the application of driving physics using their car. They learn how to make good driving decisions and react more quickly.

They become more aware and learn how to begin anticipating the actions of other drivers.

the weight shift of the vehicle I knew it was for the first time. I could tell that my student was relieved when I told her that she would only hit a cone out there and that's just fine. Confidence grows as the day wears on. For me, seeing the advancement in skill set from morning to afternoon is why I coach every year.

The event would have not run if it not were some volunteers from the Allegheny Chapter. Greg and Erin Calvimontes, Allen Christian, Jeff Taylor, Chris Williams, Jim Williams, Emilio Veneziano, Glen Beatty, and Michael and Marianne Meehan.

The volunteers listed here either ran the event, helped with registration, performed a quick technical inspection of the students' vehicles, or instructed students. Some volunteers that offered help that day were parents of students that attended the event. If I missed anyone I sincerely apologize. I may have missed someone since most of my day was spent in the passenger seat of a Kia. The work of the volunteers did not go unnoticed; thank you all for your assistance with this great program.

With the winter season upcoming, I hope that these students never have to adjust to correct a skid. However, I know that the experience in Street Survival will prepare them for that situation and hopefully other challenges that arise when driving.

weekend. The closure added an eighty mile detour. In order to make travel time shorter, perhaps a back road or two and some scenic driving replaced the mundane highway drive.

The students started to show enthusiasm and smiles after a few of the exercises. They realize at that moment the day is going to be fun and a great learning experience. When my student experienced speed and

"Few people realize driving is one of the most dangerous things they do. A car traveling at just 4 mph has more energy than a bullet. That's a lot of responsibility."

Bill Wade, National Program Manager



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Many of you have a classic BMW that is stored for the winter. With winter almost over it is time to think about bringing your classic back out. Here are a few tips to be sure your BMW is ready for summer.

All the fluids levels and condition will need to be checked. Engine oil, coolant, brake fluid and washer fluid are just a few. Some of the fluids will absorb moisture while sitting in storage, this can be caused by temperature fluctuations.

Brake fluid is designed to absorb moisture to prevent rust forming on the inside of the brake components. Many classic BMWs had an annual service change interval for the brake fluid.

Coolant should be checked for level and temperature range using the proper tester. The temperature range of the coolant should fall between -30 degrees and +260 degrees Fahrenheit. A 50-50 mix of BMW coolant to water will give you the correct range.

Check and adjust all tire pressures to the proper specification, this is found on the driver's door label or in the owner's manual. This is also a good time to check your tires tread depth, a depth of 5/32 of an inch is approximately half way thru the tire life.

When you first start the vehicle let it run at idle till it reaches operating temperature without over revving the engine. This will allow the oil to reach all areas of the engine with the least stress. After operating temperature is reached shut down the engine and wait 5 minutes then check the oil level.

These simple steps will guarantee you a summer of fun with your BMW.

- Mike McMurray

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A Chapter Verse

BY AL APEX

Sometimes I'm asked to write a poem or a verse.
I always hesitate cause my humor is quite perverse.
My sarcasm is strong
You'll notice, it won't take long.
But this time, I'll try extra hard to behave.
So I don't embarrass the one who's head is shaved.

So let's talk about the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix.
An annual event that brings joy and brings Glee.
Whether a participant or Guest
All agree it's the Best

With this event, charity funds we do Raise
Each of the car clubs deserve lots of Praise.
The BMW club's efforts are second to None.
Without our efforts, the job may not get Done.

The Allegheny Chapter is known far and know Wide
When we say we're from Pittsburgh, we say it with Pride.
From atop German Hill we look Down
While the other clubs look up, look up with a Frown.

But it wouldn't happen without all the work you don't See.
It happens because of volunteers like you and like Me.

Folks that coordinate every small Detail
Making notes that get sent in an Email
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So next year, try to volunteer for Awhile.
I promise you'll leave with a Smile.

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Efficiency expert.

What makes the new 3-liter BMW so remarkable is how well it does *everything*.

Its heart is an overhead camshaft engine employing triple-hemispherical swirl-action combustion chambers. So efficiently and so cleanly does it produce power from the fuel mixture that Road & Track says, "It is without a doubt the most sophisticated inline six in the world."

Suspension is fully independent, with spring struts forward, trailing arms aft. The rear axle is multi-jointed, to provide maximum road-grip on virtually any surface. The resulting cornering capacity is simply phenomenal.

Put these characteristics of engine performance and roadability together, and it's not surprising

that BMW owners will tell you no other car comes close for combining brilliant responsiveness with precise control. It handles like nothing else.

Then consider how BMW rates in such factors as comfort, durability, finish, quality of construction, and economy of operation. Look at its safety features, including crush zones both in front of and behind the extremely rigid passenger compartment.

That's when you begin to see that for sheer refinement of every aspect of automotive engineering, BMW is something very special indeed. It's a car that isn't just outstanding in some areas, but in *all* areas.

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PITTSBURGH VINTAGE GRAND PRIX

Pittsburgh Event Pleases Again

Members Visit Schenley Park for 2017 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

BY AL APEX

From the Kick-off Rally on July 1st through the final lap of Schenley Park on July 15th, there is a little something for everyone. As with every year there are a variety of events to chose from - the upscale "Passport to Elegance" (that was a new event this year), the Waterfront Car Cruise or the track at Pitt Race. Here are some photos of the Thursday Night Kick-off at the Hofbrauhaus, the Friday Drive and Schenley Park.



CLASSIC

BMW Car Club of America Allegheny Chapter

E12

E34

E28

ANNUAL BMW GATHERING

PITTSBURGH VINTAGE GRAND PRIX JULY 7-16, 2017

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Photos are courtesy of Richard Daugherty; Tarheel Chapter





UPCOMING EVENT

Gear Up for Last Drive Nov. 4

Chapter Plans 4th Annual Event to Include Technology History Tour

BY AL APEX

The 4th Annual Last Drive of the Year will be on Saturday, November 4th. It will feature a combination of leisurely touring, spirited driving, and a very interesting and unique destination.

The drive will depart at 10:00 from Perkins Restaurant at 20013 Route 19 in Cranberry Twp. 16066, giving you plenty of time for a leisurely breakfast at one of the area restaurants.

It will take us about 1:40 to reach our destination stop, the Large Scale Systems Museum

2017 LAST DRIVE

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

- 115-MILE DRIVE
- LARGE SCALE SYSTEMS MUSEUM
- HARDWOOD CAFE

(LSSM) in New Kensington. The LSSM is accessible to the public by appointment only. They have an amazing collection of computing systems representing every era of the computer age from the 1960s

through today. The large systems are downstairs and the personal systems are upstairs.

The big difference between the LSSM and the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, CA is that almost everything in the LSSM actually works and the curators provide live demonstrations. Have you ever wanted to play with an Apple Lisa, or an original 1984 Macintosh? Here's your chance.

Anyone who has had contact with computers at any level will find the LSSM infectiously interesting.

From there, we have a short drive to a snack or light lunch at The Eatery in Harmer Twp.

From there, we have a nice drive on some very scenic roads and sometimes challenging roads to our dinner destination at The Hardwood Cafe on Rt.8, just south of Butler at about 4:30.

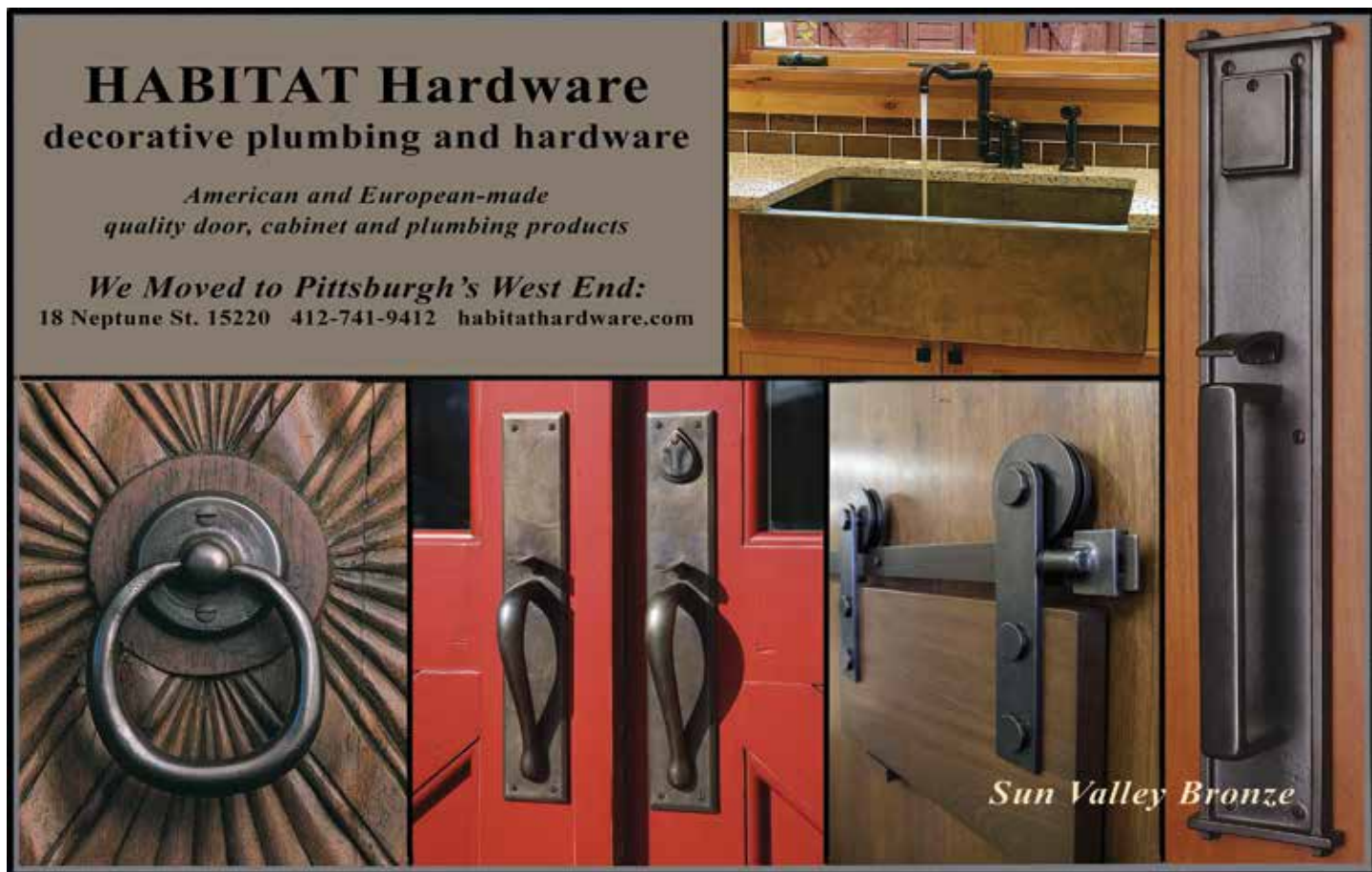
The drive is 115 miles long. The elapsed time will be about 6:30. The drive time will be about 4:00.

The 4th Annual Last Drive is designed to continue the fine tradition of Annual Last Drives. I hope you can join us.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Allegheny Apex Seeks Editor

Chapter Recruits Candidates for Club Newsletter

BY AL APEX

The Allegheny Chapter BMW CCA is recruiting for a new newsletter editor!

Johna Snyder will soon step down as our newsletter editor after doing the job for the past few years. This is a great loss but luckily she has reassured us that she will remain a contributing member to the chapter and lend a hand when needed.

We do need to recruit a new newsletter editor for The Apex. The newsletter comes out four times a year on both paper and via email. Most of the communica-

tion happens through email but if you can attend the open session board meetings this would be much appreciated. As editor you would be responsible for:

- Keeping the deadlines of the newsletter and sourcing sufficient articles, including updates from the committees, articles and photos from the membership and collecting interesting snippets along the way
- Keeping in touch with the printer and approving the final proof before it goes to print – double-checking that all of the elements required are present
- Working directly with the

Newsletter Business Manager to ensure that all artwork for ads are accurate and accounted for in each issue.

The role requires about 10+ hours work for each quarterly newsletter spread over a month. Johna will be on hand to support the new editor as the role is handed over.

No experience or qualifications necessary except for an enthusiasm to make The Apex better than it already is. A good feel for written text and grammar and some word processing experience would be a bonus.



If you are interested contact editor.alleghenybmw@gmail.com

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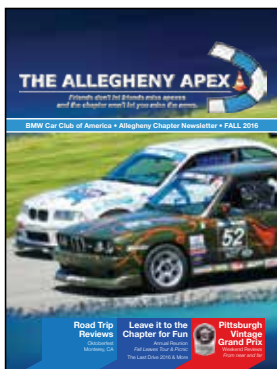
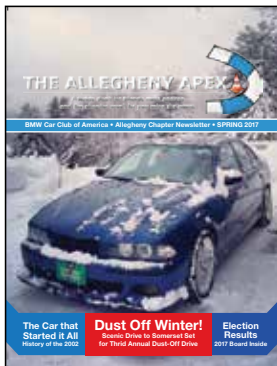
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Fall	September 5
Winter	November 24

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NEW MEMBERS & MILESTONES

The Allegheny Chapter extends a warm welcome to the following new members:

JUNE 2017

Jaco Nolte – Panama City, Panama
Joseph Houda – Gibsonia
Jeff Ramaley – Pittsburgh
Stephen Abrams – Pittsburgh
Robert Engel – Pittsburgh
Todd Albert – Sewickley
Jordan Renner – Rogersville
Max Ostro – Murrysville
Bradford Karol – Canonsburg

JULY 2017

Diane Kapsha – Pittsburgh
Michael Guarascio – Aliquippa
Armando Lardieri – McDonald
Kenneth McClelland – Uniontown
Greg Wolfe – Kittanning
Specner Carlin – Sewickley
Justin Gelston – Pittsburgh
Frosina Cordisco – Pittsburgh
Naveen Srivastava – Pittsburgh
Hunter Mulford – Aliquippa
Maris – Mangulis – Cranberry Twp.
Samuel Colaizzi – Pittsburgh
Timothy McKnight – Pittsburgh
Thomas Fleming – Pittsburgh

JULY 2017 (cont)

James Reuss – Greensburg
Michael Jurick – Eighty Four
Brian Penacoli – Pittsburgh
Robert Nemchik – Pittsburgh
Andrew Mucha – Sewickley
Greg Henson – Pittsburgh
Devin Gagliardi – Pittsburgh
Thomas Yockey – Lower Burrell
Bill King – Gibsonia
Joseph Hudak – Pittsburgh
Nathan Hysong – Verona

AUGUST 2017

Michael Marks – Venetia
Glyn Ellis – Pittsburgh
Jeffrey Venturella – McMurray
Andrew Lohmann – Dellslow, WV
Daniel Galiffa – Erie
Douglas Wadsworth – Fairmont, WV
Erik Wagner – Pittsburgh
Regina Harvey – Bethel Park
Cameron Lane – Glenshaw
Darren Lazare – Vancouver BC
Darwin Webb – Pittsburgh

Please join us in congratulating the following members who are celebrating membership milestones this quarter:



Philip Hampton



Lanny Seed
 Carmen Ferranto
 Jon Erdmer
 Richard Speer



Christian Roth
 Jim Donahoe
 Edwin Russell
 William DeWitt
 Doug Stradley
 Larry Sweeney
 Stanley Yoder



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