



Roadrunner Chapter Newsletter - July/August 2017 Edition

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| <p>A Note From the Chapter <u>Vice President</u></p> |  |
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As promised, this will be an update on the driving characteristics of Cool Carbon brake pads. As discussed in the previous newsletter, the reason to make the upgrade was to improve braking consistency and fade resistance for track use. These brake pads, which are designated Cool Carbon ST are a hybrid pad for street and track use. My concern with using specific track pads is the lack of cold brake performance and noise which tends to make them unusable for daily driving. Hybrid pads attempt to find a balanced compromise.

Once I had the pads installed, the first thing that I noticed was that the initial braking did not have the same bite as stock pads. The good news is that this lack of friction was well communicated through the brake pedal and I could make the necessary adjustments. Even with the current summer temperatures, I do not anticipate a significant difference in cold performance once cooler temperatures are normal. Part of that might be secondary to how I drive my car during initial warm up. Since I have an M3 that requires some time to get its juices flowing I am not driving my car aggressively while the brakes are cold. The first two to three stops is all it takes for the pads to normalize. So as far as I am concerned this is not a significant problem or compromise.

Since these are not stock pads, bedding them in is essential to maximize their performance. I drove the vehicle very conservatively for the first 300 miles with very little application of the brakes. I then found a nice stretch of road early one Sunday morning and pushed them hard. There was definitely a noticeable difference compared to break in stock pads which tended to fade near the end of the process. Breaking in pads progressively increases the heat in the pad material by making 10 stops from highway speeds to about 10 MPH in succession. This allows the chemical composition of the pads to cure and stabilize for the higher temperatures that they face on the track. This makes the pads more consistent and improves their durability. It also transfers pad material to the rotor to

improve initial bite and overall friction the pad is able to generate. This step is a must when pads are new, and is repeated prior to track days to get the maximum performance.

I had hoped to test some of the other features of the pads on our summer club drive. Unfortunately, the drive to Mt Lemmon had to be cancelled because of a forest fire shutting down the highway. Conceding the point that I have not done any 'spirited driving' I have not noticed any noise problems coming from these pads. They seemed to be as quiet as stock pads.

Brake dust. It may just be me, but brake dust is the bane of my automotive existence. If you would like to keep your car relatively clean, or more specifically, if you have complicated multi-spoke wheels that you would like to keep clean, brake dust can be a huge problem. To be honest, reduction in brake dust is right behind braking performance as my reason to switch from stock. I wasn't even that concerned about the potential noise issue. Anyone who tries to keep their wheels relatively clean and personally details the car will tell you that brake dust is the enemy. So, if there is any way to reduce the amount of time and hassle it takes to clean it, this is invaluable. One of the steps that is often discussed at club detailing classes is paint decontamination. Over time, your paint builds up micro contaminants that gets stuck in the clear coat and cannot be washed off. To take off these contaminants it requires clay barring the paint as they become embedded in the clear coat, and this is typically a time-consuming step. Along with all the pollution and environmental fallout our cars endure, brake dust makes up a large component of those contaminants. I can happily report that the amount of brake dust from these pads are far less than 50% of stock pads. As I have 10 multi-spoke alloy wheels, the difference in wheel contamination cannot be overstated.

Therefore, to this point the Cool Carbon ST Brake Pads are performing exceptionally well. There is very little cold brake performance compromise. They are as quiet as stock pads. There is a significant reduction in brake dust. I cannot yet make any judgment on hard braking performance since there hasn't been any opportunity.

Thankfully, there are upcoming club events that will allow me to more fully push their limits. However, the true test for these pads will come in October at our first track event. If you haven't already done so, please check out the website's event calendar. Soon the summer will be winding down, and there will be lots of events to be able to enjoy your car.

[Chris Finlay | Vice President](#)

2017 - Annual Holiday Party

Saturday, December 9th at The Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch, 7700 E McCormick Pkwy, Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Back by popular demand, we are once again holding the Roadrunner Chapter's Annual Dinner and Holiday Party at The Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch! Buy your tickets before it's too late!

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Please help us welcome our new Secretary, Michelle West! Michelle comes to us with prior board experience and will be a great asset to the club. Don't hesitate to stop and say, "hi" the next time you see her

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Dear Members,

I came across a lovely poem about Courage & Faith by Erin Hanson that I wanted to share:

"There is freedom waiting for you
On the breezes of the sky,
And you ask 'What if I fall?'
Oh but my darling, "What if you fly?"

Fear of failure can be paralyzing. Conversely, taking a leap of faith can be exhilarating!

I was in my late 20's, a single mom working for the government and raising my daughter. I enjoyed my job as a legal secretary/clerk but it was low pay. It took years to get promoted, and for a while I thought that's what I needed to do - wait. But I was still motivated to learn and grow and ultimately thrive.

I decided to take on new challenges in my job, and soon I was writing legal briefs for my lawyers. I was thrilled at the opportunity and I was thriving! Throughout it all, they kept encouraging me to go to college to earn a better living. They understood the value of an education. College? At first I thought how could I afford it, I'm a single mom? Yet they persisted, and my desire to improve myself feverishly grew. Over time, I decided to take a leap of faith and invest in myself. Why not go? But if I did, I decided to make a commitment to finish what I started and not give up. So after seven years of government work, I quit my secure, full-time job and went to school for the next several years earning my bachelor and advanced degrees. And I never looked back.

Are you looking for the next chapter in your life? If so, why not take a chance and make a change in your life if change is what you seek? Take a leap of faith - the only way to find out if you can fly is to jump!

Don't let the fear of failure or "what if's" stop you from making that change. You'll never know what's inside of you until you try.

And you ask 'What if I fall?' Oh, but my darling, "what if you fly?"

Happy Motoring,
Barbara

In the market for a new Bimmer or have a vehicle to sell? Check out our [Classified Ads Section](#) on our website!

Treasurer's Report - by [Paul Koreneff](#)

The financial position of the chapter is strong. We have all worked to ensure that we keep our spending within our income, which is key to maintaining our financial position. The board evaluates each expenditure to make sure that we are spending the money in areas that make a difference to our members and that we obtain good value for our money.

Our income comes principally from the BMW Car Club of America to whom you pay your membership dues.

The annual fee for a Primary Membership is \$48 (before any multi-year discount). Of this amount the Chapter receives \$15.30. There is also an Associate Membership available for anyone living in the Primary Member's Household. The annual Associate Membership fee is \$10 for each person.

I would like to encourage all members who bring guests regularly to Chapter events, to purchase an Associate Membership. This will permit the Chapter's membership rolls to more accurately reflect the membership that attends our events. It also helps us plan for, and communicate timely information about, upcoming events.

In a similar vein, I would like to encourage all members of other chapters who attend our events to either change their association to the Roadrunner Chapter or add the Roadrunner Chapter as an additional chapter to their membership. The annual fee for additional chapters is \$15.30.

All membership renewals and changes must be made through the BMW Car Club of America, either by phone at (800) 878-9292 or online at bmwcca.org.

Also, please ensure that the information associated with your membership is accurate. It is so easy to move, change phone numbers or email addresses, and even buy a new car, without remembering to update your Club membership information!

By electing to receive communications by email you can help us alert you more timely to updated or new event information. Of course you will continue to receive Roundel by U.S. Mail!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Click Event Title to View Details!

[BIMMERS AND BREAKFAST](#)

Saturday, September 16th, 2017

[INTRODUCTION TO PERFORMANCE DRIVING AT THE STABLES](#)

Saturday, September 23rd, 2017

[ROUTE 66 FUN RUN](#)

Saturday, September 30th, 2017

[DRIVER EDUCATION AT ARIZONA MOTORSPORTS PARK](#)

Saturday, October 14th, 2017

[FORMULA 1 PARTY \(US GRAND PRIX\)](#)

Sunday, October 22nd, 2017

[ANNUAL DINNER AND HOLIDAY PARTY](#)

Saturday, December 9th, 2017

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Scottsdale Motorsport Gathering August 2017

The largest monthly car show in Arizona highlighted German car manufacturers for the month of August. If you haven't had a chance to get to this event in North Scottsdale, you are missing out. Great examples of BMW's, Mercedes-Benz, Audi, and Porsche were on display for the viewing public. It is an early morning in the summer but the crowds are great comradery of fellow enthusiasts and is fantastic. Thanks goes out to all the members who gathered to make a great display of BMW's. BMW's on display included a 2002, E28 M5, F06 Alpina B6, E87 1M, i8, E31 850 and the full history of M3's. If you're a car person there is no way that you could have a bad time as there is always something to see there that will get you excited about our passion for cars.

Griot's Garage Detailing Session June 2017



If you have used their products you know that they make great products. This was a fantastic event put on for the club members and sponsored by Griot's Garage. John Keeling of Griot's was there to give great demonstrations on a number of the company's products, and Technical information too. Highlights included the nano clay mitt and a super absorbent drying towel. The venue was fantastic and allowed for personal demonstrations and hands-on experience of proper orbital polishing technique. A Hawaiian food truck was complimentary to all attendees. Thank you to John Dickens of Carwash Services of Arizona for hosting the event at his facility.

Welcome New Members - Transfers – Anniversaries

NEW MEMBERS:

Brian Abraham, Kevin Lawson Legge, Lonny W Loselle, Don Moses, Michael Najor, Richard C. Smith, Nova Bagnasco, Terry Becker, John Bracken, Dave Cano, Todd D'Angelo, David Johns, Joei Johns, Pete Scholl.

TRANSFERS:

Mike Blasi, Mike Cravens, Michael Ries, Adam Wilkens, Justin Byrd, Claudette Hobbart, Michael Brendan Hobbart, Spencer W Hollen, Matthew Moore, Jackie Siewert.

ANNIVERSARIES:

25 years: Brett Creaser

20 years: Cliff Loader, Darryl Kwan, Wenny Kwan

15 years: Arla Jones, Anthony Maramarco, Louis Warren

10 years: Michael Edward Browning, Geneva Kwan, David Waldo

5 years: Steve Brown, Anthony Caputi, Bertrand Kaper, Jeff Allen Stredwick, Marco Ivan Porras, Tony Roviario

1 Year: Ron Adams, Mark E Barriere, Anthony J Brancato, Ed Burchenal, Andrew Jenkins, Ben Phillip Morris, Henry Quintero, Mike Rabenow, Bill Robert, Alexandria Robinson, Amir Cayago Saya, Matthew Schellenberg

Check out all of our pictures on our Facebook Page [HERE](#) and stay tuned as we are constantly updating our content!

Suggestions or Comments? Interested in VOLUNTEERING? Please contact us - we are a Volunteer-Driven Club and would love to hear from you! Click [HERE](#) for details

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Are you a WordPress whiz that speaks fluent HTML, PHP, CSS etc? Are you passionate about BMW's and want to share your coding passion and skills? If so, then please read on!

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



A Message from [Joe Dawson, your Membership Chair](#)

Our friends at American Express like to say that membership has its privileges and one of those if you ask me was their now defunct partnership with Costco. You have to ask how on earth did AMEX drop the ball on that arrangement? Reliable sources tell me it came down to a discussion involving ketchup - yes, ketchup! What happened? Management got lazy and overly reliant upon a handful of business relationships. When the dust settled, over \$40 billion in AMEX shareholder value went up in smoke.

What's the connection to our BMW Car Club you ask? A lot, actually. The devil is in the details (think ketchup) and unlike the management at AMEX, we're listening! Our Leadership has spent the better part of the last year contacting our members to learn how we can add value and create the ultimate Club experience.

Here are some of what you've been telling us:

- Monthly breakfast events are important because they provide an opportunity for people to socialize, share their enthusiasm about BMW's and get better acquainted in an informal setting. Many of you said you also liked the idea of moving those breakfast meetings to different locations throughout The Valley and we've done so.
- Driving events get you excited (after all, we do own the Ultimate Driving Machine) and we responded by organizing a Club "Drive and Dine" (AKA Fun Run) event each month.
- Lastly we heard that detailing, track and tech events are very important. To that end there have been two detailing events in the last four months - a driving/racing classroom seminar is in the planning process and our track events happen each year in late Fall.

My goal as your Membership Chair is to help deliver a BMW Car Club experience that adds value and fun for all with a goal of growing our membership! If you attended our June Breakfast you'd know we had 30+ in attendance at First Watch in downtown Phoenix. We've experienced similar participation at driving events this year.

Not only does membership have its "privileges", more importantly our Club is a whole lot of fun these days! To those of you who attend our events and know other BMW owners? Tell them about us. Better yet, invite them to attend our next breakfast as your guest. A more enthusiastic group of BMW car owners you will not find. Looking to renew your membership or update your contact information? You will find it all on the National Website at <http://www.bmwcca.org> and be sure to "Like us" on Facebook too!

Feel free to call or email me anytime,
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