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# The Switchback



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Aaaah, summer is ending, fall is beginning, unless, of course you live in the southern states. College football, kids back to school, cooler and shorter nights.

Has it really been a year since the fall of Lehman Brothers and the start of our 12th recession since WWII? Time sure has a way of flying. Hopefully, we will come out of this a better, stronger and financially smarter nation.

Yes, many of us are living differently, maybe even within our means, but that doesn't mean that we cannot enjoy a good fall drive, Oktoberfest or one last day at the track before winter.

If I may, let me get to some club business. **First and foremost, please let me know if any of you would like to stop receiving the Switchback via mail and begin receiving it in digital format. Please let me know by emailing me at [gettybmw@yahoo.com](mailto:gettybmw@yahoo.com) and we will be happy to make that change.**

Secondly, as a reminder, we will be having our next board meeting on Tuesday October 6 at 7 PM at the home of Rich Getty. Board members will be there and those members who wish to attend are more than welcome.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you, our members for your fantastic support over the past year so far. Attendance at most events is way up! Also, a big thanks to all of the board members who have made this chapter what it is. Thank you!

See you all at the E Center for the Car Control Clinic in October!

With much respect,

Rich Getty

## NEWS

- Car Control Clinic October 18, 2009.
- Board meeting Tuesday October 6. 7 PM Rich's home.
- Stay tuned to our website for up to date information and announcements, as well as our next reminder postcard.

## WHEEL CLEANING

BY RICH GETTY

Cleaning your wheels can be one of the most tedious tasks when it comes to taking care of your beloved car. As you may have noticed, BMW wheels (and MINI wheels) become dusty very quickly because of the soft brake pads that make our cars stop so quickly. I constantly hear complaints from BMW and MINI owners alike that they love their car, but hate to clean the wheels.

Here are a couple of tips that hopefully will make that job less of a hassle.

First off, before I wash my car, I spray my wheels with a commercial grade wheel cleaner such as one from Meguiar's or Griot's Garage. The brand does not matter

so much, but what I do next helps tremendously. Instead of cleaning it with a brush or a rag, I use a pressure washer and 99% of the time all of the dust comes right off. You say you don't have a pressure washer, well you can go to one of those car washes with the wands and voila, you have a \$2.00 pressure washer!

I hope this tip helps you as much as it has helped me!

Photos



### Help!

We are searching for a volunteer newsletter editor who can meet deadlines. Is there anyone out there who is willing to put together our Switchback, which is about 4 issues per year?

Please contact Rich Getty at 801-330-2779 or [gettybmw@yahoo.com](mailto:gettybmw@yahoo.com).



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### Newsletter Submissions

We always welcome your stories, suggestions, technical tips, photos, questions, or comments, etc., which would be of interest to your fellow club members. All reasonable submissions are considered and are needed. The editor reserves the right to edit for length, quality and good taste. Please include your contact information so I may contact you if significant editing is necessary. Please send your "stuff" to the Editor through email, phone or the Wasatch Chapter address. The Switchback is published quarterly. Deadline for submissions is the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the preceding month.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

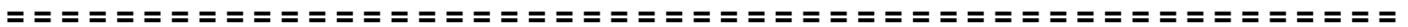


October 18 - Car Control Clinic - E Center - Sunday - 8am - Another fun day behind the wheel!

November 7 - Tech Session - Kevin's Toy Box - 11am - more information as we get closer.

December 6 - Holiday Dinner - Lugano's Restaurant - Social Hour 6pm, Dinner 7pm.

*For updated information and cool BMW stuff, check out "www.wasatchbmwcca.org"*



## 2009 ADVANCED CAR CONTROL CLINIC! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AT THE 'E' CENTER!

THE WASATCH CHAPTER OF BMW CLUB IS OFFERING A NEW, BIGGER AND BETTER CAR CONTROL CLINIC. THE COST IS \$75.00 PER DRIVER .. Any adult bringing their 16-18 year old driver(s) will pay only \$50.00 for each minor (the Parent must also register and pay \$75). We have special paperwork for minors that must be signed by BOTH parents prior to the event . . . call Jeff to get it.

You do not have to be a member of our BMW Chapter and most cars are acceptable (call me if you are in doubt). We will be "wetting down" most of the courses laid out with a water truck to facilitate easier "sliding/out of control" scenarios. This will not "hurt" your auto.

THIS EVENT IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT MANY OF YOU HAD PARTICIPATED IN THIS PAST YEAR. Our goal is to increase your skill level and to make you a safer and more confident driver. These exercises cannot be performed safely "on the open road", but are safe under the controlled environment at the "E" Center. This is an all day event, from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Attendance is limited to the first 40 participants who register. There will be plenty of "behind the wheel" time as well as classroom sessions.

ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CALL OUR DRIVING EVENTS COORDINATOR, JEFF BLONDER AT 801-205-5605.

PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE FOR THE REGISTRATION FORM AT [www.wasatchbmwcca.org](http://www.wasatchbmwcca.org) .  
PRINT OUT THE APPLICATION AND MAIL IT TO:

WASATCH CHAPTER BMW CCA, PO BOX 71084, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84171

THANK YOU AND WE HOPE TO SEE AS MANY OF YOU THERE AS POSSIBLE!

**Jeff Blonder, Chief Instructor/Driving Events Coordinator**

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### **CLASSIFIEDS**

**18" Wheels For Sale!** - 18" tire rack wheels with winter tires mounted. They were mounted on a 2006 BMW 330i. The tires have one season left. Asking \$300. Call Rich for details at 801-330-2779

This is one of the nicest vintage 735i's anywhere. This car drives like a dream. I spent \$4,000 dollars completely rebuilding the front end and tuning the motor. It drives like it were new. If you are looking for classic at a great price. It has very low miles - 79,000. \$10,900 OBO. Must sell! John 801.898.7600

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