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# BMWCCA Illini Chapter Newsletter

## Feb 28 EVENT: The 6 Series Returns!

### The new 6: Convertible and Hardtop!

The new 6 series is coming and Illini chapter's members are the first one's to see it. With the assistance of Chris "Woody" Wood of BMW of Peoria, we will be the first to see and drive the new 6. The event will be held February 28 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at BMW of Peoria located at 1720 W Pioneer Pkwy in Peoria. There will be a convertible *and* a hardtop available to see and drive. A "first drive" raffle will be held at the dealership for all CCA members who RSVP at [events@illinibmw.com](mailto:events@illinibmw.com).

With blistering acceleration rivaling the E46 M3, the new 4.4 liter, 325 HP engine will take the car from 0-60 in 5.5 sec with the 6 speed manual, 6 speed Sequential Manual Gearshift (SMG), or Steptronic transmission. The styling cues of the new 6 are pulled from today's technology and from past classics like the original 6, the 503, and the 3.0CSL. Base price is \$69,300.

### And that's not all...DYNO DAY!

To keep us gearheads happy over the winter months, there will be a Dyno Day to follow the 6 series introduction, also in Peoria, at *R&T's Unlimited* from 1:15 pm until the last car rolls off the Dyno. R&T's is located at 1100 W Falcon Ct. If you have modified your car's performance, then you need to see how much power you are making! If you haven't modified and you plan on it in the future, then you should put your car on the dyno to get a baseline for how much power you have. There is a limit of 20 cars so you need to RSVP now at [events@illinibmw.com](mailto:events@illinibmw.com). There is a \$50.00 charge for 2 or 3 runs on the Dyno payable the day of the event.

### And as if that wasn't enough....DENT REMOVAL!

Denny has invited a paintless dent removal person to join us at R&T's. He will pull out dents to whoever wants that service. The cost varies on how many/size of dents to be removed.

### NEXT MEETING: NEW 6 INTRO and DYNO DAY

Location 1: BMW of Peoria at 11:00 a.m. on 2/28/04  
1720 W. Pioneer Parkway, Peoria, Illinois

Location 2: R&T's Unlimited at 1:15 p.m. on 2/28/04  
1100 W Falcon Ct., Peoria, Illinois

### Report from Our December meeting: The New X3: A Winter Treat

As a winter treat for all of us, BMW released the new X3. The Illini Chapter meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup> featured Isringhausen Motors representatives Nick Drum and Brian Mitchell who introduced the new X3 to Central Illinois. With snow on the ground and no end in sight, the X3 was in its element. The new xDrive system pushes the envelope of technology with an intelligent all-wheel drive system that helps provide optimum performance in virtually all driving situations- slippery roads, up or down hills, and while cornering. We were led to the new X3 in the showroom where we were allowed to look over the entire car and ask any questions. People were swarming over the car, sitting on the new leather seats; playing with the panoramic moon roof; pushing the BMW Assist button with a surprising voice on the other end; and popping their eyes out at the Inline-6.

Food was available: a little spread of cheese, sandwiches, sweet cookies, and plenty of drinks. While I was sizing up the X3, I found that many more people had shown up and we were all ready to get it on the road, snow covered as it was. The first driver was in the driver's seat and driving the X3 like it should be. As his drive came to an end, I slipped into the driver's seat and took it out on the road. It was different than I expected it to be, never having driving an X5. I was expecting an SUV feel, but it was smooth, even, responsive. The steering felt every nudge, and responded evenly. Flooring the gas gave a nice push-back-in-seat feeling. In the soft, new fallen snow, I felt no slip or uncertainty, even when I hit the gas hard or took a tight turn. An incredible car... Sport Activity Vehicle.

Thanks to Isringhausen Motors for taking their time out and putting on a great show for us! -- Denny

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## President's Pen

Well its that time of year again. Winter driving tires, State of the State; State of the Union; and.... State of the Illini Chapter. I am proud to inform the chapter that the year of 2003 was a success, and 2004 looks even more promising for BMW Enthusiasts in Central Illinois.

After a successful X3 new model intro held in December at Isringhausen, we now have yet another event planned, a new model introduction coming up next month, the new 6 Series at Peoria BMW.

Your Board of Directors has set an aggressive calendar of planned events in place for you, and fellow members, for the upcoming year. We also now offer Illini Chapter shirts, stickers, and other logo-ed items available for purchase on the web. Also on the internet, we have a new website and a registered yahoo-group for member notifications and communication. Visit the websites, and take a look around. We also are starting a new recruiting campaign, to grow the membership of the Chapter. Also, soon to come, we will be offering [yourname@illinibmw.com](mailto:yourname@illinibmw.com) email addresses for interested members.

Interest in our chapter events is increasing, and I think we will have something for all to enjoy this coming year. As this is *your* club, please join us at the events, and meet other BMW drivers and enthusiasts. If you, or any friends wish to volunteer to help at any of the events, please let one of the Board members know. If you have questions or requests, contact one of us.

Now that the Board has had a few months under their belts, I would like to thank them for the dedication and enthusiasm they have already shown. Watch for more good things from them!

--Greg Brinner

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## Welcome New Chapter Members

Nationally, BMWCCA gains about 200 members per month, and total membership stands at 66,000. The Illini Chapter welcomes new members:

Jason Donner, '03 Z4, Peoria  
Matthew Hagerty, '04 530i, Bloomington  
Ferdinand Salvacion, '00 M5, Springfield  
David Baker, '01 Z3 3.0, Champaign  
Dave Boden, '03, Z4 Roadster, Bloomington  
Tom Gardner, '86 635CSi, Springfield  
Mark Johnson, '01 530i, Charleston  
Dennis Moore, '02 325i, Decatur

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## Calendar of Events

Feb 28	Chapter Mtg at BMW of Peoria; Dyno Day
April TBD	Car Show & Shine at Winery at El Paso
June TBD	Attend F1 Event
June TBD	BMW-Porsche Autocross Event
August TBD	Car Control Clinic

National Events:

Oktoberfest 2004 Pasadena, CA on July 4-9  
Tech Fest East, Reston, VA on May 13-16. Get info at [www.nccbmwcca/techfesteast](http://www.nccbmwcca/techfesteast)

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## A Little Mini News

Chicago, Illinois - February 4th, 2004

MINI USA announces the debut of the MINI Cooper S MC40. This limited-production commemorative edition celebrates the 40th anniversary of MINI's win of the famed Monte Carlo Rally in 1964 - a victory that forever changed the reputation of MINI to that of a true motorsport legend.

The MINI Cooper S MC40 possesses all the distinctive visual characteristics that connects this limited production model to that of its historic predecessor. With only 1,000 units planned, the limited production MC40 comes with a set list of standard equipment and special features and will appear only in Chili Red with a white roof - the signature colors of the winning car. Customers are able to order the MINI Cooper S MC40 at dealers with expected delivery by April, 2004. MSRP will be about \$27,000 including \$550 for destination.

The date was January 17th, 1964 and the Monte Carlo Rally was becoming more challenging than ever with the entry of well-organized factory teams. Competition for the Mini was stiff with bigger, more powerful cars from Ford, Mercedes-Benz and Volvo to Citroen, Saab and other pedigree challengers.

Piloted by fearless rally driver Paddy Hopkirk and his skilled navigator, Henry Liddon, the pint-sized Mini overcame great odds in all sorts of challenging conditions. Ice, twisty mountain passes, darkness and above all, formidable challengers, made for an exciting, flat-out drive for the team. And in this "big bang", the tiny little car immediately became a legend.

Originally conceived as an inexpensive and economical means of transportation, the Mini had been transformed into the hot-blooded Mini Cooper and Mini Cooper S thanks to the legendary John Cooper of Formula 1 fame. John recognized the Mini's excellent attributes as a quick and nimble performer with great potential on the motorsport circuits. The Mini Cooper and Mini Cooper S clearly stood out as the "every man's sports car".

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## BMW Short News Items

### Pricing Changes for 2004

BMW of North America, LLC, reveals its new pricing for the 2004 calendar year. Effective January 1, 2004, the manufacturer's suggested retail price will increase by 1.2% for all BMW vehicles except the recently-introduced X3 2.5i and X3 3.0i Sports Activity Vehicles.

### Sirius Business

BMW will offer SIRIUS Satellite Radio systems as a factory option on 2004 5 Series sedans and as a dealer installed accessory in February 2004 at BMW centers across the country. SIRIUS satellite radio, known for delivering the very best in commercial-free music and premium sports programming to cars and homes across the country, can be installed as a factory option for only \$595.00. The price includes a one-year pre-paid subscription plus two bonus months of free SIRIUS service and free activation. SIRIUS provides 5 Series drivers with 60 streams of 100% commercial free music and over 40 streams of sports, news, and entertainment, including weather, sports play-by-play, and an array of original programming, coast-to-coast.

### Where do I buy 'em?

The BMW Group sales organization is represented in the U.S. through networks of 340 BMW passenger car centers, 327 BMW Sports Activity Vehicle centers, 148 BMW motorcycle retailers, 73 MINI passenger car dealers, and 25 ROLLS-ROYCE Motor Car dealers.

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### Our Central Illinois BMW Dealers:

BMW of Peoria  
1720 W Pioneer Parkway  
Peoria, IL 61615  
Phone: (888) 784-2772

Dennison BMW  
1508 Morrissey Dr.  
Bloomington, IL 61701  
Phone: (309) 662-3800

Isringhausen Imports BMW  
229 E. Jefferson Street  
Springfield IL 62701  
Phone: (866) 810-3718

Twin City Honda BMW  
100 Burwash  
Savoy, IL 61874  
Phone: (217) 356-0303

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## CLASSIFIED ADS and PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

We will be happy to receive any BMW related ads. Members may post classifieds without charge. Just send your information to David Lange.

Commercial ad space is also available. We would like to use commercial sponsorship to eventually pay for the printing and mailing of our newsletter. The newsletter goes to over 300 BMW enthusiasts, most living in Central Illinois. This newsletter may be a very cost effective and narrowly targeted advertising vehicle for your company. Ad rates are \$50 full page, \$35 half page, \$25 qtr page, \$20 bus card size. Inquiries should be emailed to [dlange@insightbb.com](mailto:dlange@insightbb.com).

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### BMW Announces the X5 4.8is

All-New X5 4.8is – the Ultimate Sports Activity Vehicle Following close on the heels of the X5 facelift, the new X5 4.8is will offer an enhanced, sportier driving experience beyond the realm of the other X5 models.

The new X5 features an enlarged version of the VALVETRONIC 4.4-liter engine featured in the X5 4.4i. This new 4.8-liter V8 power plant produces 355-horsepower and 360 ft-lbs of torque, and is coupled with a 6-speed STEPTRONIC automatic transmission. This abundant power is driven through 20-inch W-rated performance tires - 275/40 fronts and 315/35 in the rear. Massive 14-inch front/12.8-inch rear disc brakes bring BMWs most potent SAV to a quick and sure-footed stop.

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