

Portland Observer Auto Review

News and reviews on new motor vehicles

2007 BMW 335i Coupe

BY KATHLEEN CARR

The heart of every BMW worth remembering is in its engine, and the new coupe is no exception. The 335i features BMW's most powerful engine ever offered in a 3 Series coupe or sedan. If you crave blissfully boundary-free power, BMW's sparkling new bit of reciprocating machinery: a 3.0-liter, twin-turbocharged 300-hp, and intercooled, direct-injection inline six-cylinder motor with variable valve timing, all milled from the finest Bavarian aluminum engine should be just the ticket. The exciting new twin-turbochargers enhance the creamy smooth engine's willingness to rev. This is a great engine! The 335i blazes from 0-60 in 4.8 seconds, without the slightest turbo lag. But this hardly does justice to the right here, any-gear eagerness of this engine. The speed comes smoothly



Smoking Hot Sexy — Blazing Fast

Twin-turbocharged engine with 3.0-liter in-line six, 300-hp/300 lb-ft.; Steptronic 6-speed transmission; MPG: City-20 mpg. / Highway-29 mpg.; MSRP is \$45,700.00; Quarter mile at 105.9 mph.: 13.3 seconds, 0-60 mph: 4.8 seconds

and deceptively fast. BMW's six-speed Steptronic automatic transmission with paddle shifts is a positive enhancement. It's the automatic that acts like a manual with no sacrifice in fun or performance.

The 335i is not only blazing fast, it is one sexy two-door coupe! The visual sensory appeal grabs your attention from every angle of the 335i. Its striking bodywork casts off reflections as that of a speed demon with flame-surfacing (a de-

sign that gives the illusion of accelerated movement, even when this sleek beauty is sitting still) leaving behind a gothic-perfect arched roofline and a tastefully tapered tail. Up front, round xenon headlamps wrap deftly into a low hoodline. In back, trim taillamps bracket a tight rear end that's punctuated by twin chromed exhaust pipes.

The interior of the 335i is one of the most elegant I've seen in a

BMW, with light cream leather and carpets with dark burl walnut trim, creating a warm, rich and luxurious environment in contrast with the standard BMW interior. The best aspect of this hospitality was the extremely supportive and supremely comfortable Sport Seats. They were adjustable in eight ways, but my favorite feature was the side bolster adjustments that cinch you into your seat allowing the driver complete authority to execute ag-

gressive maneuvers without a hint of seat-slide. The thick-rimmed, three-spoke steering wheel has a natural-fit feel to it; combined with the optional iDrive cockpit controls.

Of course BMW leaves no desire unanswered. You will never want for entertainment with pre-wiring for Sirius satellite radio, Bluetooth connectivity and optional iPod integration kits. Major standard features such as climate

control, power windows, locks and mirrors, power moon roof, and 17" alloys with runflat tires. The all-knowing BMW designers are sticking with 'runflats' to conserve on trunk space. Standard safety features include anti-lock brakes, traction and stability controls, front, side and curtain airbags and brake drying.

This isn't your average car. This is a car in which to test your own abilities. The 335i's threshold is so high it quickly surpasses legal speed limits, and eventually the local authorities will just start mailing your speeding tickets directly to your home. With complete disdain for ordinary driving conditions and utter mastery of public roads, the 335i steps so lightly and quickly through any challenge to complete superiority that I could almost feel it chuckling smugly as I explored my limits, clearly not yet the Ultimate Driver. Maybe someday, when I can live up to this car's potential.

'Mother of the Year'

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Change Christian Center, a mouthwatering down-home dinner was catered by Victory Outreach and Ma & Pa Strong's Kitchen.

Other special guest performances included a concerto by Dr. Gashi, pianist for the Oregon Symphony, an interpretive dance by Linda Mitchell.

A dramatic rendition of an origi-

nal poem was performed by Harold Williams of the African American Chamber of Commerce.

The evening ended with a biographical slide presentation by grandson Stephen Strong.

The Portland Observer is proud to honor Strong for her decades spent helping people and for her state and local service, which contributed to the welfare and betterment of people and communities.

Two Hot Weeks of Portland Jazz

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Grand Ballroom.

In all, more than 125 separate jazz related events are scheduled, plus more than 30 jazz education and outreach events, 20 free performances showcasing northwest jazz artists, and a variety of jazz programs produced by community, PDX Jazz partners, including Oregon Symphony, Jazz Society of Oregon, Leroy Vinnegar Jazz Institute at Portland State University, and jazz in Portland clubs including Jimmy Mak's, LV's Uptown and others.

Tickets for many of the concerts are available at TicketsWest locations and at pdxjazz.com.

For additional information, call the Portland Jazz Festival office at 503-228-JAZZ (5299) or 1-888-828-5299, or visit the Festival office in the Galleria, 921 S.W. Morrison St, Suite 207, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Progressive jazz trumpeter Roy Hargrove performs Friday, Feb. 23 at Newmark Theater, rounding out the jazz festival's final weekend.

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As with the visit to New York City after the Sept. 11 attacks, community activists are planning a visit to the Big Easy for a firsthand view of what can be done to help the many residents in need.

The "Flight of Friendship" trip to New Orleans is scheduled for April 1-4. Here is what it takes: a plane ticket and hotel fare, a bit of resolve and willingness to jump into volunteer projects, and a

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Living Wage Jobs Scarce

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passed into law. This amendment requires the State Workforce Investment Board to produce figures on the availability of living wage jobs in Oregon compared to the number of people looking for these jobs in various regions across the state. This living wage "report card" would give Oregonians a picture of how effective the Skill Up Oregon program is in preparing workers for living wage jobs. Such figures would also highlight the need for the state to support businesses in

providing living wages.

"When looking at the gap between those seeking gainful employment and the amount of jobs that actually pay a living wage, we find that there are fewer jobs than there are people willing to work. The most apparent remedy is a coordinated effort between business and government to create jobs that pay living wages, and ensure that people receive the support they need to live healthy, stable lives," says Dan Bell, Oregon Action Portland Chapter Chairperson.

Peninsula Little League 2007
(Serving the Youth of Inner North & Northeast Portland ages 5-14)
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Registration available on-line beginning January 10, 2007

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Level	Ages
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Player Fee

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Minor	7 - 9
Major	10 - 12
Junior	13 - 14

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January 27th
February 3rd, 10th, and 17th
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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The community is invited to a luncheon discussion with representatives from the Cascade AIDS Project to discuss "Sex Drugs and Health in Portland." Kathleen Saadat and Cherrell Edwards will speak on behalf of Portland State University's Black Bag Speakers Series, Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at PSU's Smith Memorial Student Union Multicultural Center, room 228. The event will also include a short presentation of capoeira by Grupo Raca.