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Calendar

- July 18** **Mercer Island Concours.** The Sunday before our club concours. See article.
- July 25** **Concours d'Elegance** at Columbia Winery in Woodinville. Don't miss this very special event.
- July 28** **Wednesday Nighter at SIR.** If you're experienced, come on out for our last event until the October school. If you've not driven the track before, come on out to hitch a ride, watch and see what it's all about.
- August 1** **Port Gardner Bay Concours** in Everett. Come see the Mercedes Hitler had made for Eva Braun.
- August 5** **Board Meeting** hosted by Treasurer Tom Cox.
- August 27-29** **Molson Indy** car race in Vancouver, B.C. Call 604-280-INDY for tickets.
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Wednesday Nighter Big Success

The June Wednesday Night Track event at SIR was a huge success - far exceeding my expectations. I was hoping that there would be around 30 cars and that we would bring in enough money to break even on the event. My hopes were far surpassed when there was 34 pre-registered and 24 more people showed up on the night of the event.

The records show that there were 38 BMW club members at that event. The rest of the field was made up of 23 Porsche club members and one lone Alfa club member. That gave us a grand total of 62 drivers at our event. That is the largest turnout that I have ever seen at a BMW Wednesday nighter.

Even though BMW members outnumbered Porsche members there were more Porsches than BMWs on the track owing to the fact that a number of BMW club members own Porsches or brought vehicles other than BMWs to the event. But still I was quite pleased to see that so many of the BMW members were fairly new members and not the so called old guard. This fact bodes well for the future of our track events with this influx of new blood. Hopefully this trend will continue and we will form a new core group of enthusiasts to carry on in the future.

With such a huge turnout I wasn't properly prepared, so things were a little late in getting started. However, with the lack of any red flags, (a first for any marque club event this year) all the drivers got about 40 laps in if they ran both their sessions. Even with the large number of cars on the track, things went fairly well.

However, there was one area that I was deeply disappointed with. And that was the large number of people who failed to honor their commitments to work corners when it was their turn to work. Normally corner working is done on an honor system. When you are driving the other group works corners for your session. Then while the other group is running, you work corners for them. At least that's how it's supposed to work. But a large

number of people from both clubs decided to leave or not work after their run group was finished.

Well, no more mister nice guy. From now on I am going to make absolutely sure that everybody does their work assignment. If they don't, they will be dealt with in a most unpleasant manner. I will no longer allow certain people to sluff off while others do their work for them.

With the large turnout we made a tidy little profit on the night. The final take was \$3,060. Total expenses which included, track rental, insurance, aid unit, radio rental, and miscellaneous odds and ends totaled \$1,675. Which left us with a net profit of \$1,385, almost enough to cover the July event. If the July event is as successful, then we will be able to run next year's events exclusively for BMW members only, and not have to worry about covering expenses. Another thought would be to add a couple of events next year and have half of them open like this year and half of them BMW exclusive events. Let me know what you would like to see happen next year.

Lastly, let's not forget the July Wednesday nighter on the 28th. I want you to show me that the June event was not a fluke and that you really do want to have track events to take part in. Finally, I would like to thank Al Lancaster for coming out to help me, and for that I will return the favor and judge at the concours for you. That is if you bother to read my article, Al. Also, thank you Mary Lee Helton for making the new flags, fortu-

nately we didn't have to use the red ones.
- Paul Touby

Concours d'Elegance

Elsewhere in this issue you can read about the club's annual concours d'elegance. It's a great event; plan to attend.

If that's not enough, the club's concours is bracketed by two other concours events, one a week before and one a week after.

On July 18th, the Mercer Island Concours will be held from 10:00 to 4:00 at Mercerdale Park on Mercer Island. It is described as including "exotic, classic, antique and racing automobiles and motorcycles of all marques." Pre-registration is required. Contact the Mercer Island Concours at P.O. Box 1015, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

One week after our concours, on August 1st, the Second Annual Port Gardner Bay Concours d'Elegance will be held at Legion Park in Everett. Times are 10:00 to 4:30. Classes generally follow the Classic Car Club of America guidelines. This was a wonderful show last year in their first try. Great cars and the park overlooks Puget Sound.

This year, a very special Mercedes-Benz is to be displayed. It's the car Hitler had built for his mistress, Eva Braun. The car's reported to be valued at \$1 million.

Registration information is available from: Deacones Children's Services, 4708 Dogwood Drive, Everett, WA 98203.

- David Lightfoot

MEMBER SURVEY

There is still time to turn in the Member Survey that appeared in last month's Zundfolge. We really do want to hear from you. If you missed it, it was on the bright yellow paper. We forgot to put the address on the survey. The surveys should be sent to: BMW ACA, P.O. Box 1259, Bellevue, WA 98009. And there really will be a prize drawn randomly from the returned surveys, we just don't know what it will be yet. In a month or two we hope to publish the results of the survey. So go complete it right now and send it in. We're listening.

Stalls

by Thomas B. Nast



De Gustibus Non Concursus Est

Yrobdt clmnst has been drafted (never volunteer!) to judge at this year's Concours. In the past, matters of taste did not enter into the Club's Concours; only cleanliness was judged. No more. The barrier of objectively measuring manifestations of owners' taste is one the judges think has been solved. In the interest of fairness, every reader should know the formulas in advance. Since only 800 total points are awarded to a car in all categories, even the casual reader can see that these objective measures of aesthetics are going to make or break a lot of entrants.

Hood ornaments. Twelve points are available for hood ornaments. For each lineal inch of length plus width one point is awarded, to a maximum of ten. One additional point is available for chrome plating, two if the ornament is of genuine animal bone.

Sound systems. There has been a great deal of controversy over how to weight the maximum of twenty points the stereo can earn, so some compromise has been required. Eight points are available for speaker area, based on the following formula: Total woofer (< 80 Hz) cone area in square inches + total midrange (< 4 KHz) cone area in square inches squared + total tweeter (> 4 KHz) cone area in square inches cubed ÷ 144 = points. The remaining twelve points are based on performance. Using a decibel meter with notch filters set for 120 Hz, at a distance of 10 feet from the driver's door, three points are awarded for each ten decibels recorded above eighty.

An automatic twenty points is awarded if, during unattended full volume playing a CD by "Guns 'NRoses", the windshield is pushed clear of its seal. Five points are deducted if the owner wears a hearing aid.

Steering wheel covers. Only a maximum of three points are available for steering wheel covers. A leather cover gets one point. Shag covers earn one point per inch of pile length. The length

of the owner's piles are not, repeat are not, taken into account this year.

Wheel covers. Few areas allow as much opportunity for individual expression as wheel covers. Eight points can be accumulated here. Spokes get two, but mag wheel appearance gets only one; spinners get two; chrome plating or sputtering get two; coordination with body color gets one.

Details. Decals and tape stripes will no longer be awarded points. Desert and beach scenes are worth one point per square foot to a maximum of twelve. Flames garner a half point per square foot with a 20% bonus for each primary color used after the second.

Optional lighting. A grand total of twenty-two points can be amassed in this one category! Eight points can be accumulated for under-chassis lighting, parcelled out at two points per side. Thus, rear axle illumination is worth two, skirt or running board lights are worth two per side, and grille or front axle (4WD) lights are worth two. Six points can be had for roof-mounted lights, with a maximum of four for forward-facing lights and two for lights pointing back. Front bumper lights can accrue two points each per pair of clear fog, yellow fog, long-range driving, close range driving, pencil beam and cornering lights, to a maximum of eight points. The same eight points will be awarded for driving lights which swivel with the steering.

Two caveats are in order. The light arrays will be tested for five minutes at maximum illumination, and ten points

will be deducted if the alternator or voltage regulator melt down. Also, no points will be awarded for front bumper lights if the air obstruction results in engine overheating, to be checked upon arrival.

Foundation garments. Sixteen points maximum for undergarments. An engine girdle gets a maximum of two. Wheel panties are worth a maximum of four. A bra is worth as much as ten, depending on size, translucency and strap width. As a result of the expansion of this category, no points will be awarded for cup holders this year.

Some of the judges are graduates of the '60's school of apparel, and have indicated a predilection to award maximum points for a complete absence of undergarments; *in dermis veritas*, and so forth. For this reason, we have been forced to team judges in pairs, with a maximum of one boomer per team. We hope you appreciate the efforts expended to fairly treat this contentious category.

Miscellaneous. White sidewalls are worth two points, and other color (except black) four points. Bumper stickers can get you as many as six points, one point each for each that makes a judge laugh. No points will be granted for tourist bumper stickers (e.g. Wall Drug or Sea Lion Caves). A custom shift knob can get you as many as two points, as can the dangle from the rear-view mirror (scent will be considered). Upholstery and carpet materials will no longer be considered.

So that's the news you need about the judging at the upcoming Concours. I look forward to meeting each of you there, and may the best pick-up win.



Alfa Club Time Trials

Greetings once again from the Northwest Alfa Romeo Club! We will be hosting our annual Time Trials, sponsored by RalliRound, at Seattle International Raceway on Sunday, August 1st, and we are pleased to invite the members of your club to participate. As with all our Time Trial events, the morning will be open practice, and the afternoon will be devoted to timed laps. Trophies will be awarded to the fastest cars within each class.

Our schedule for the RalliRound Time Trials is as follows:

7:45 am - Gates open; Registration & Tech Inspection

8:45 am - Driver's meeting (mandatory)

9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Practice Sessions

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm - Timed Sessions

4:00 pm - Trophies Awarded

We are offering a discount for pre-registered cars (postmarked by July 24). Prices for members of clubs not affiliated with AROC are:

\$105/car/driver

\$90/car/driver pre-registered (non-refundable)

Please note that a limited number of registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Also, members of invited Marque clubs **must** drive their Marque cars.

We will also offer a pre-event technical inspection session. The pre-tech will take place Saturday, July 24th at Bellevue Alfa Romeo, 11919 N.E. 8th, Bellevue (206-635-9331), from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please have your car readied for inspection and bring your helmet. Every effort will be made to ensure that those who are pre-teched meet with minimum delays at the track.

Should you or your members have any questions, feel free to contact me at (206) 821-0299 (evenings). I hope to see you at NWARC's RalliRound Time Trials.

Thanks for your help.

Chuck Lewin
NWARC Competition Chairperson

Letters

Zundfolge Editors-in-Chief

Re: January 1993 *Zundfolge*

Dear Lucetta and David,

I recently saw a copy of the January 1993 issue of *Zundfolge* containing a letter from Mr. Proud and would like to clear up a misconception.

The Special Interest BMW groups listed on the address insert page of the Roundel are independent groups and are neither funded nor regulated by BMW CCA. We provide the listing as a courtesy to all BMW owners and a service to our members.

I called Donna Spinelli of the M3 Register. She has been in contact with Mr. Proud and has sent him all the back issues of the M3 Register newsletter. These back issues contain all the information written and published by the register. There has not been a newsletter published recently because no register member is writing articles. Donna has attempted to get members to contribute articles but has not been successful. She said that she would publish if new material available and is hoping that the new M3 will spur some activity.

Registers provide a valuable service to owners as a source of information but we must keep in mind that they are a narrowly focused group. If Mr. Proud would like to discuss this further, please call me some evening at (314) 532-5041.

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Paul Johnson
Executive Vice President,
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1993 Concours d'Elegance

by David Lightfoot

The time is upon us for our most popular annual event, the club Concours d'Elegance. For those that receive their *Zundfolge* in a timely manner, the event is this coming Sunday, July 25th. The place is the beautiful Columbia Winery in Woodinville. The Columbia Winery is right across the street from the Ste. Michelle Winery, location of this event for many years. Please see the map for specific directions.

The schedule for the day is:

- 8:00 Field open for placing cars
- 11:00 Hands off, no more polishing
- 11:30 Judging begins
- 2:00 or so Awards ceremony

The timing of the Awards ceremony depends on how many cars enter, any problems the judges run into, etc. So it's approximate.

Judging will be as we have traditionally done it. Four areas are judged: exterior, interior, engine compartment and trunk. Points are awarded based on condition and cleanliness, not authenticity. This is because many club members like to modify their BMWs with aftermarket equipment. Bonus points are awarded for age and mileage.

If you get out to the Winery early and aren't quite ready for some Chardonnay at 8:30 in the morning, we will have a latte truck serving the beverage Seattle is famous for. The truck is provided by an independent contractor, so there is a charge. But it's a nice convenience.

To try and make this more of a draw for families, we're going to try a couple of new things this year. First, we are going to attempt to have a hot air balloon tethered in the



Come to Columbia Winery and see the magic pop-up roll bars.

middle of the concours field. If we can find a balloon company to do this and weather permitting, of course, we will be offering free rides to club members. Now, they will be short, vertical rides since the balloon will remain tethered, but it should still be fun. Since the balloon will be paid for out of the club's treasury, rides will be only for club members in good standing. Bring your membership card with you!

The other thing we will be doing, is having a coloring contest for the kids. There will be a couple of age groups. The pictures will be BMW oriented.

As usual, plan on having a picnic lunch at the Winery. Bring food or the Winery has a gift shop that has some food items. Also, about a mile from the Winery is a convenience store and deli. By all means, try some Columbia Wines. They are available in the Winery for purchase. And they'd be happy to uncork the wines for your drinking pleasure on the grounds.

One word or warning: only Columbia Wines purchased at the Winery may be consumed on the Winery grounds.

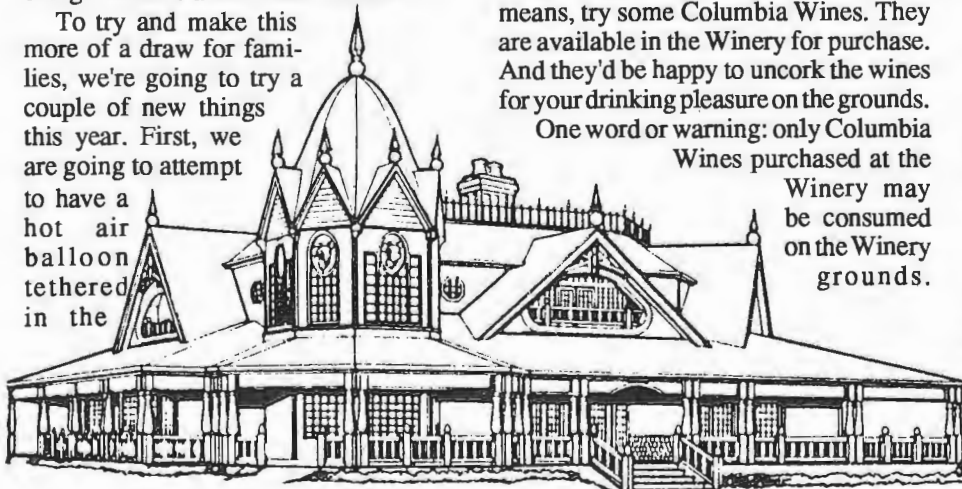
There is also a tasting room in the Winery that should not be missed.

With all this going on, don't forget to go look at the cars. You'll see the cleanest bimmers you've ever seen. And expect BMWs of all vintages. It's really a history of the marque. While the judging is underway, you are welcome to wander around and take a close look at the beautiful cars.

And speaking of beautiful cars, the new convertible is supposed to be in the dealerships about July 15th. They will get one car per dealership, and won't be able to deliver cars until fall. But, we will have a new cabrio at the concours for you to drool over. It will be most members' first chance to see this new lovely.

Event chairperson is Al Lancaster who did such a great job with the banquet. Expect another outstanding event from Al. This year's trophies will be the nicest we have ever had. They are of etched glass with the club logo etched in. Well worth the effort of cleaning up your pride and joy. Besides the trophies within each class, there will be special awards for Best of Show, Entrants' Choice and Peoples' Choice.

The Club's Board of Directors would like to issue a special invitation to all new members and all members who have never attended a club event. Come on out! It's a great day. And come up to a Board member and introduce yourself. Board members will have tags on but we won't know you from the general public. We'd like to meet you.





Driving directions;

Take the Monroe/Wenatchee exit off I-405. Follow Hwy. 522 east to Woodinville exit. Stay right at the Woodinville exit to the second traffic light. Turn right onto 175th Street. Turn left at the 4-way stop onto Hwy. 202. Follow approximately 1.5 miles to the Columbia Winery located on the left.

Membership Drive

For the past several months now I have been showing progress in our membership drive by listing names of new members. If you are participating in our contest, you might also be interested in your chances to win. Using our high tech equipment and calling upon our BMW club database guru, we have produced the following list showing the number of chances for each participating member. As you can see, here is a good opportunity to win a CD player (installed) for your car. If you would like to increase your chances or jump in, give me a call for some comp cards or better yet have your friend call to join up!

Given the rules for chances (one for referral; two for new member joining), we have seen all of the possibilities so far.

1. Comp card returned (referral)
— One Chance
2. New member without using comp card (referral+join)
— Three chances
3. Comp card returned and new member (referral+join)
— Three chances

Our club benefits a great deal from support of local businesses. Although they are not eligible to win in this contest, as you can see in this listing, they have been the sponsor of many new members. I'd like to thank all of the members and businesses listed below for their support during the membership campaign so far.

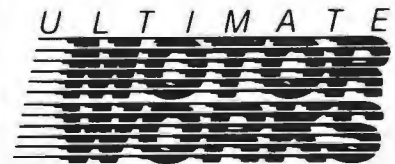
- Steve Niver

Member/ Business Name	# of Chances
Dan Alvis	12
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Stephen Niver	3
Dan Patzer	3
Ted Rodgers	3
Denny Warner	3
Autosport	3
Bellevue Motor Works	7

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BMW NW	12
BMW Seattle	67
Capital City	7
Strictly BMW	10
Ultimate Motor Works	3

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BMW showed the show car at the Show. The Z13 concept car. The middle, also The passenger side, and slight driver. At 1 the Z13 is a car. A K cylinder provides Engine between wheel missk uou

BMW was testing reaction to the car and its proposed tag. It's a nice little city runabout, but \$30,000 half that and it would sell. Anyway, it's design study. We've published one Here's a better look at this . 7

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an interesting
photo previously.
concept car.
David Lightfoot



Photo captions from left to right: 1) Z13 looks production ready. Handsome front combines traditional BMW styling cues in a modern urban car. 2) The windshield extends into the roof, although there is a structural crossbar between A pillars. 3) Rear view doesn't work as well as the front. Rear engine hatch cover is the main culprit. 4) Center-mounted driver's seat puts the steering wheel right in the center of the dash. 5) The space behind the driver, and between the passenger seats, includes a storage bin and a stereo speaker. Strange upholstery. 6) Phantom drawing shows the tidy packaging of the Z13.

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An eight day tour of Southern Germany. We have a couple of 1994 325ic convertibles available for delivery in August. You can be cruising the Autobahn in the hot summer sun with the top down and wind in your hair by August 7th. If you would like to spend eight days touring Bavaria this summer in a new BMW convertible, we can help make your dreams come true. If you would like more information call me immediately.

206-328-8787

BMW Delays New 7 — Plans New 3 Variants

BMW's next 7-series has been delayed: it is not to be launched at the Detroit Show in January 1994, not Frankfurt '93.

The decision to launch in the US indicates how important this market is to BMW - it will shortly have a factory here.

The car is an evolution of the current 7-series, both in style and mechanical make-up, but new engines are on the way for a year after launch.

The most characteristic new styling element is the pair of glass panes that cover the headlamps. The body and pillars are slightly more rounded and the glasshouse is new. As with the current 7, two wheelbases will be offered. Both variants are two inches longer and an inch wider than the current models, yet BMW has managed to prevent the car from getting heavier. This is all the more of an achievement considering the major chassis change: the adoption of a front subframe to improve road-noise isolation.

The engine range is: 728i (straight-six), 728Tds diesel, 730i V8, 740i V8 and 750i V12. But a year after launch, the V8s will grow to 3.5 (735i) and 4.6 liters (746i), and the V12 will become a 5.4 (754i). In 1998, a new V6, codenamed M80, will step in for the straight-six.

BMW wants the car to remain a hit with keen drivers, so it is keeping the current suspension. It has dropped plans

to offer the 8-series' very complex four-wheel-steering system, because it's an expensive option that few 850 buyers have chosen, and because it is beneficial only at irrelevant speeds.

BMW is testing a new 3-series Touring for 1995. Because the 5 Touring and especially the current 3 Touring fail to match the best in class for space, the new 3-series responds with a boxy rear end, and its tailgate opens to bumper height and has no tail-lamp intrusion.

By the time of its 1995 introduction, there will also be three- and five-door 3-series hatchbacks as well as the current sedan, coupe and convertible.

Due this summer is the M3 cabriolet, which uses the M3's 286bhp engine and suspension in the 3 cabrio's body. At the Frankfurt Show, BMW will unveil a four-door M3, while an M3 version of the Touring may also be made. - Car



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BMW Consolidates U.S. Management — Plans Expansion

German luxury-car maker Bayerische Motoren Werke AB consolidated U.S. management operations and named three senior executives as it prepares to enter a stage of expansion in the North American market.

Helmut Panke was named chairman and chief executive officer of BMW Holding Corp., a newly formed company that will manage and direct BMW's North American operations. Mr. Panke, 46 years old, was director of corporate planning of BMW in Munich, Germany.

Victor H. Doolan, executive vice president of sales and marketing of BMW's U.S. sales arm, will succeed Karl H. Gerlinger as president and chief executive officer of the U.S. sales arm. Mr. Doolan, 52, will continue to serve on the three-member executive board of BMW of North

America and will report to Mr. Panke.

The auto maker said it consolidated its U.S. management in an effort to "optimize our resources." Its sales, marketing and production planning managers will now operate under the single umbrella company for North America, BMW Holding. Wolfgang Stofer, executive vice president for finance and administration of BMW of North America, was named chief financial officer of the holding company.

Under the old structure, all U.S. operations function independently, and reported directly to management in Germany. "The company and its various entities are growing," said a BMW spokeswoman. "We must coordinate to effect our optimal corporate strategy."

Mr. Gerlinger, 54, will become director of the auto maker's Central European

sales region effective Sept. 1. Mr. Gerlinger has led BMW to a period of solid sales growth in the U.S., even as other European luxury car makers continue to languish.

BMW sold 64,921 cars in the U.S. last year, up 24% from 1991. It marked the first time BMW outsold and outproduced archrival Mercedes-Benz, a unit of Germany's Daimler-Benz AG.

The auto maker is moving forward with plans to build a \$625 million assembly plant near Spartanburg, S.C.

BMW said Mr. Doolan's management initiatives will be similar to his predecessor's. Mr. Panke told BMW employees last week, "He will continue a motion and direction that has already been set into place."

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Board Meeting Minutes: June 10, 1993

The board met at about 6:00 to get a tour of Bellevue BMW. Mr Robert Logan was our guide for the tour. While waiting for all of the board members to show up, we drooled over the new five series V8 and other new models. After everyone was present we were shown the facilities. After the tour we retired to a meeting room. We thanked Mr. Logan for the tour and use of the room.

The issue of becoming a chapter of BMW CCA came up again. This issue was brought up because of a letter sent to the board and the BMW CCA. There was a discussion of pros and cons. There was a consensus to wait until the next meeting after David had a chance to talk to the person again.

The treasurer's report was very favorable. There were no delinquent accounts and all of our bills have been paid for this month. Invoicing will go out next week.

The membership drive is going well. Steve has distributed all the cards. It seems that a majority of new members have the older models. There are very few owners of the newer models. There was an idea that we could somehow put a copy of the magazine in new cars at the dealers. We could get an agreement with the dealers to put a copy in the packet the new owner gets when all of the paper work is done. Gary will contact BMW Northwest. Steve will contact Bellevue BMW and Lucetta will contact BMW Seattle.

Membership additions for April was 13 and 19 for May. We are up 5 members from last year. For June, 59 renewals went out and 29 have already been returned. Greg will run the membership tally program for next month.

The Concours is shaping up. It will be held at the Columbia Winery. Al is still working on getting some of the new models out for display.

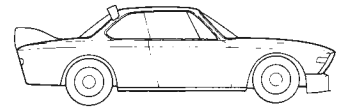
Paul presented the motorsports status. He will need a check for \$100 for the rental of the radios. There are 33 people signed up for the June Wednesday nighter and 20 signed up for July. Mary Lee

brought the flags. It cost a total of \$31.68 for 8. Way to go Mary Lee! On a more serious note, Paul said the new changes in the track has made it very slippery at the beginning of the straight. Especially when it is wet. The Porsche club had a couple of incidents when the track was wet. Paul thinks it will be beneficial to have a few slow laps to get a feel of what the car will do. Paul made a motion that the track event fees for Andy Kubelbeck be waived because he is storing our equipment trailer. The motion was carried. SIR had an article in their newsletter soliciting comments on how the road course could be improved.

The magazine will go out next week. Not much more to report. We need an article about the meeting here. Gary will write it.

Mary Lee said she has stationery for anyone in need. On July 4th weekend there will be a vintage race at SIR. There will be a corral for the marques that wish to set one up. The cost is \$5 per car. It is not known if this is for one or two days. David will set up a lunch at the Petroleum Museum. It was voted to have the club subsidize some of the cost. It will be decided at the next meeting how much to charge members.

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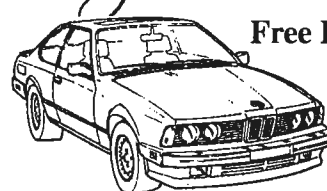
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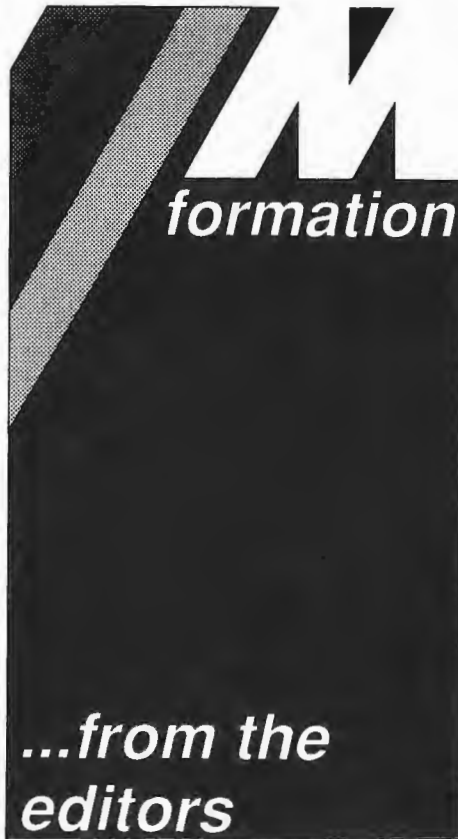
It's still not clear whether the new M3 will be sold in the U.S. But while the real car waits, the models are here. That's right, E36 models are available. The M3 is a product of Paul's Model Art. It's in 1/43 scale. Paul's Model Art is the company that is producing BMW models with the most extraordinary detail, and for under \$40. Amazing stuff. Available locally at Auto Gear.

The *Seattle Weekly* Readers' Poll mentioned club member Byron Sanborn at Vintage Motor Racing in Redmond as one of the area's best mechanics.

Following the Chicago Bulls' third NBA championship, the team was escorted by police from their training complex to a victory rally. The players and staff rode in two buses. Except for Michael Jordan who was late. He caught up to the procession and joined it in his jet-black BMW. (*USA Today*)



The McLaren F1, powered by a BMW Motorsport V12, is undergoing testing. The third prototype is being tested prior to "production." Performance is said to surpass any previous road car and be comparable to a 10 to 15 year old Formula 1 car. The BMW engine is a 6.1 liter unit with 48 valves. It's good for 620 hp. The car's structure is a carbon-composite monocoque which provides both light weight and strength. The strength is a good thing since a BMW engineer flipped one of the prototypes at 160 mph and was able to walk away from the accident. (*Car*)



"When I am out in my Pirelli-equipped BMW, I always drive," says actress Sharon Stone. "I don't just use it to get to the set, but also to release the tension when I can't sleep." (*Car & Driver*)

BMW is testing a 316 hatchback—a VW Golf competitor. The car is built on a shortened 3-series platform. It's basically a 3-series coupe with the rear shortened and a hatchback. This new entry-level BMW would debut in '94 with a base price below \$19,000. In 1995, BMW is planning to follow with a new 3-series wagon (Touring) and roadster. (*Autoweek*)



The EPA is investigating aftermarket computer chips used to increase performance, to determine if they also increase emissions. The investigation is expected to be completed soon. Enforcement action will be taken against chip manufacturers who are responsible for any offending chips. (*Autoweek*)

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The March 1993 *Road & Track* included a wonderful story by Peter Egan called, "In Search of the Blues." It's about a cross country journey in a BMW Isetta. Egan speculated that Elvis would have liked the Isetta. A reader sent back a photo from the *Rolling Stone History of Rock & Roll* which shows Elvis and Colonel Tom Parker in an Isetta 300.

The new 3-series hatchback will debut in mid-'94. Two engines will be available: a 85 hp 1.4 liter and 1.8 liter with 140 hp. The hatch will be 8 inches shorter than the coupe but have the same wheelbase. (*Road & Track*)



BMW NA's chairman Karl Gerlinger is returning to BMW AG at the end of the year. Gerlinger's new assignment will be Europe's Central Region, which includes Germany, Holland, Scandinavia, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland and Luxembourg. Replacing Gerlinger as BMW NA's president will be Victor Doolan, formerly executive vice president in charge of sales and marketing.

Helmut Panke has been named chairman of BMW Holding Corp., which now has complete responsibility for the designing, manufacturing and sales of BMW's North American built products expected to begin coming off the line in South Carolina in 1995. Wolfgang Stofer is BMW Holding's chief financial officer. (*Autoweek*)



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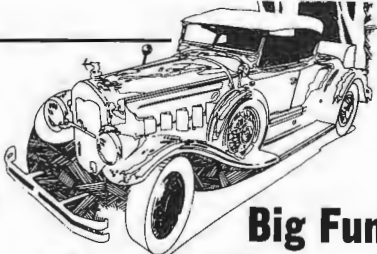
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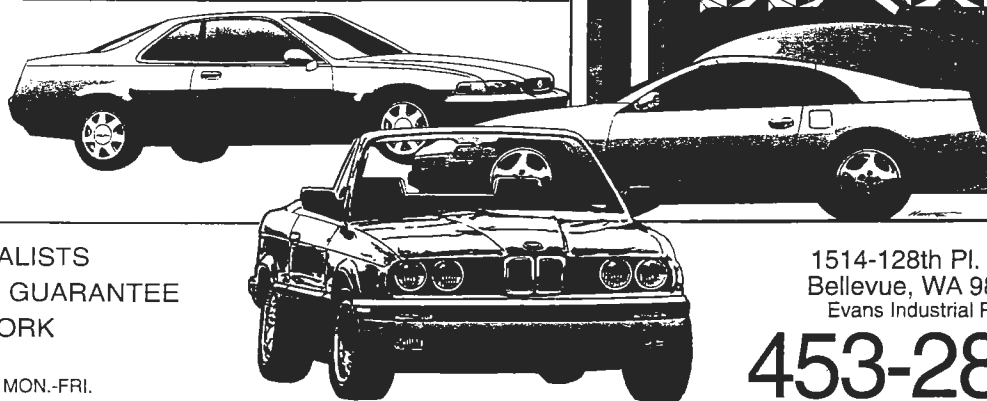
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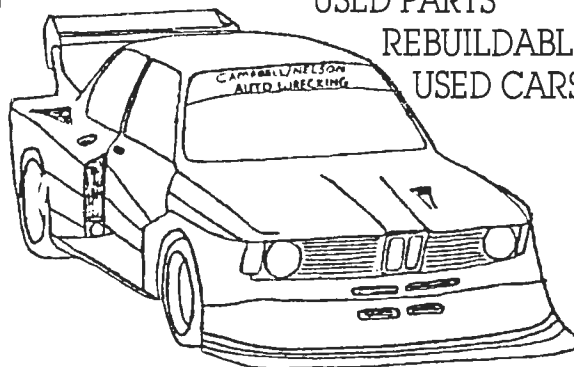
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