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June 27-28, Saturday, Sunday **14th Annual E30 Picnic Weekend.**

The largest E30 show in the world on Sunday!

July 3-5, Friday-Sunday

Vintage Races at Pacific Raceway. We will have a corral. More details in this issue.

July 17, Friday

Track Day at Pacific Raceway

with both a Car Control Clinic and High Performance Driving School. Registration is via MotorsportReg.

July 22, Wednesday

Board Meeting. All members welcome. RSVP to president@bmwpugetsound.com.

July 22, Wednesday

Night at the Drags. Our annual run what ya brung event at Pacific Raceways.

July 25, Saturday

Gathering of the Heritage. A new location, the Sculpture Park on Mercer Island.

July 26, Sunday

Deutsch Marque Show und Shine

featuring BMW, Mercedes, Audi and Porsche, held at Renton River Days.

August 14, Friday

Track Day at Pacific Raceway with both a Car Control Clinic and a High Performance Driving School.

September 13, Sunday

Track Day at The Ridge in Shelton.

Our only trip to The Ridge in 2015; don't miss it. No Car Control Clinic; just a High Performance Driving School and the last of the year at that.

September 19, Saturday

M Car Day at Griot's Garage. The 9th Annual M Car Day to celebrate all of the wonderful BMW M Cars that have thrilled us over the years.

For more information about any event, go to our website: www.BMWPugetSound.com.

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President's Column (with an assist from the VP)

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS of the Puget Sound chapter work to provide all members with a variety of opportunities to enjoy their BMWs and to participate in Club-organized activities. This year will be no exception, whether it is tuning existing events or creating new ones.

We have been very happy with the attendance at our events, but we can always do better. How do we reach prospective members, and what events would get more of our existing members to attend?

To that end, we will be redefining the role and operation of the membership committee and the board position. Steve (our president) just returned from an international microbiology conference that has 40,000 members in the group. This organization is in the process of doing what BMW CCA and our chapter are doing; figuring out how best to communicate with members, encourage member participation and look forward in this age of electronic communication. It doesn't matter if it's a microbiologist or a gearhead, the issues for large organizations are still the same. It is clear that the Internet has changed how we communicate with members.

Our mission is to study what existing and prospective members look like—what do you like and dislike—and then design Club events and activities to accommodate preferences. Although this seems like a lot to take on, it is



Vice President Ed Walker leads a tour.

critical to keeping the chapter healthy, relevant, and serving the members.

Please help us when we reach out for information. We are committed to sponsoring interesting and relevant BMW events. Yes, we think we are pretty special here in the upper lefthand corner of the country. Based on our recent trip to the national convention, we see our members here in the Puget Sound Chapter doing more with their BMWs and in more ways than most every other part of the country and doing so even in a shorter driving season! Yes, you will see some of the events coming up that will require some choices as the events are closely spaced. Unfortunately there are only so many

weekends and lots of events, many of them annual, that members say they want us to feature. Lots of consumer demand here, but that's probably a good problem to have!

Help us stay on our game, to continue to have great driving and display events, and to appeal to a growing and changing member base—you!

We both would like to hear from you. Email us with your comments, criticisms, and compliments on how we are doing.

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ON THE COVER:
BMW unveiled the 3.0 CSL Homage at the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este, a tribute to the E9 CSJs of the 1970s.

Photo by BMW AG Press.



SOVREN Pacific Northwest Historics Race Weekend

July 3-5

THE PUGET SOUND REGION BMW CCA will be hosting a Car Corral for the SOVREN NW Historics over the 4th of July weekend. The car corral provides for trackside parking along the front straight and a secure place to show your car.

This is a great family-friendly event with celebrity guests, auction items, and vendors and concessions available in the paddock. The track is opened up between each race so you can cross over and find choice viewing along the entire track. The paddock is completely open, so you can see the cars close up in the pits and meet the drivers.

For 2015 SOVREN NW Historics will feature a salute to racing BMWs. The Historics is a top draw for vintage racers all over the West. The popular BMW PRO3 racing group will be back this year. This is an extremely popular race for PRO3 and last year showcased the largest grid of the year, over 40 PRO3 cars! Saturday and Sunday the Club will take parade laps on the race course during the lunch break.

This event is a fundraiser for the Seattle Children's Hospital research foundation. Tickets are \$30/day. The Club will have a minimum of ten spaces available each day. The ticket price includes one vehicle parking pass and one entry ticket. You can order your tickets through motorsportreg.com by Friday, June 26.

27th Annual
Pacific Northwest Historics
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Night at the Drags

July 22

COME JOIN US AND BRING YOUR BMW for an evening of drag racing Wednesday July 22 at Pacific Raceways. We'll be setting aside some space in the pits for the Club members to meet up, hang out in and remove all of their belongings from their cars. This has been a lot of fun in years past so leave work a bit early as the gates open at 4 pm.

This event is open to all vehicles (street legal cars, imports, motorcycles, bracket racers, jr. dragsters, etc.). All vehicles must pass an NHRA technical inspection to participate. This event is open to individuals making "test runs" and grudge racing against other racers. Standard track preparation will be applied to racing surface.

Although going fast in a straight line seems easy, most of the BMW faithful needed a bit of practice before we could

achieve a respectable ET as drag racing proved to be harder than it looked. By the end of the night we started to turn in some decent times. The trick is to leave on the last yellow light.

The mix of cars keeps getting better and better each year; let's make this year no exception. What will you bring? See you there! RSVP by email to jeff@hauryscollision.com.

Jeff Butler, Tech Events Chair



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Annual Event: Gathering of the Heritage

July 25–26

July is Finally Here!

Hopefully, by now, you've marked your calendars for Saturday, July 25, and are planning to come out to the Sculpture Park on Mercer Island for our annual Gathering of the Heritage event.

As mentioned in this year's *Zündfolge* magazines, this event is shaping up nicely.

More exclusivity has been given to this event, by having it be only a Concours event (i.e. no display cars), and by limiting each class to only five cars, so be sure to register early to claim your spot! We've also reached out to a different pool of folks for judging (i.e. local shops, other clubs, etc.), in order to get a fresh set of eyes on our cars.

BMW Seattle and our BMW CCA Puget Sound Region chapter have teamed up to create a tribute to the "40 Years of the 3 Series." At one end of the park, we will have an example of each model of 3 Series on display: E21, E30, E36, E46, E90 and F30.

Concours d'Elegance Event

The judged Concours d'Elegance will be held on Saturday, July 25 at the Sculpture Park on Mercer Island.

SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Begin check in and parking
Day-of-event registration opens

10:00 am

Day-of-event registration closes
All judged BMWs checked in

11:00 am

Hands off all judged BMWs
Judging begins

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Food truck open for service

2:00 pm

Awards ceremony
(Photography by Bouchez Photography)

3:00 pm

Driving tour begins
(refer to tour schedule for details)

Classes

Judged classes will be aligned with the BMW CCA National standards:

- Vintage/Classic Isetta, 328, 503, 507, 700, 1600-2000 4-door, 1600-2002, 2000 C/CS, E3 Sedans (Bavaria, 3.0S), E9 Coupes (2800 CS, 3.0 CS), E21 3 Series, and E 12 5 Series.
- Second Generation E30 3 Series, E28 5 Series, E24 6 Series, E23 7 Series and M1.
- Third Generation E36 3 Series, E34 5 Series, E32 7 Series and E31 8 Series.
- Fourth Generation E46 3 Series, E39 5 Series and E38 7 Series.
- Fifth Generation & Newer E87 1 Series, E90 /E91/E92/E93 3 Series, E60 5 Series, E63 6 Series, E65 7 Series, and F30 Series. This includes 2 Series, 4 Series, etc.
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Awards

Awards will consist of 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all classes. Plus, a participation award for the Featured Car, plus vendor/sponsor awards (Best Preserved, etc.). There will not be a People's Choice award at this event.

Cars will be judged only on condition and cleanliness, not on originality. To participate in the judged classes you must be a member of the BMW CCA, BMW ACA or Canadian BMW CCBC.

Cars are judged in three major areas: exterior, interior (including trunk) and engine bay. The underside of the car is

not considered. A three-member team will have their independent results totaled to determine a score for each judged entry. This process is designed to be as fair and objective as possible. For class competition there are bonus points for mileage, which evens out the competition for high versus low mileage cars. Taking the top BMW from each class, and lining them up for a final review by a three-judge team determines the Best in Show Award. Previous scores are not considered as the judges choose the cleanest, most dazzling BMW on the lawn.

Cost/Registration

Entry cost for pre-registered judged cars will be \$60 per car, with day-of-registration being \$80 per car. Due to field/venue limitations, there will be no display component, meaning all attendees not entering their car to be judged will need to park in the adjacent park-n-ride structure.

Included in the registration fee will be an event poster, magnet and program. Spectators will be able to purchase these items as well at the event.

Registration for this event opened on May 1, and will be strictly handled via www.motorsportsreg.com. Again, registration only pertains to those folks entering their car(s) to be judged. Spectators parking in the nearby structure need not register, simply show up and enjoy! Online registration will close at the end-of-day on Wednesday, July 22. After that deadline, if you still want your car to be judged, you will have to register at the show at the day-of-event pricing mentioned above, if space within your class exists.

Vendors/Sponsors

Our show continues to attract top-notch vendors who will be in attendance to educate you on their offerings. Some of these vendors are:

BMW Seattle will once again bring a variety of new model vehicles to the show, as well as have salespeople staffed for any questions you may have.

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Mercer Island Loop Mini Tour

July 25

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AWARDING TROPHIES for Gathering of the Heritage, Club Tours Coordinator Ed Walker will be leading a short, but sweet 30-minute tour around Mercer Island. It's open to anyone attending our Saturday BMW Gathering.

We'll be lining up along the Sculpture Park roadway as The Gathering closes, leaving from the corner of 78th Ave. SE and SE 27th St.

We'll mainly follow Mercer Way all around the island at a safe and legal speed. We can admire the scenery while becoming a part of it for all to enjoy. It's a quick, half-hour tour to unwind before you head back to the freeway—a great way to end a great day at the BMW Gathering of the Heritage. Join us!

*Ed Walker
Driving Tours Coordinator*



Annual Event: Gathering of the Heritage *Continued from Page 7*

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Food

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Display Event

The Audi, BMW, Mercedes and Porsche clubs are coming together for a first ever Deutsche Marque Show und Shine car show. This epic gathering will be part of Renton River Days at Cedar River Park on July 26. Please see the separate article on this first-year event.

Volunteers Needed

All the fun of this event requires many volunteers to spend a small amount of time helping out before, during and/or afterwards to make this event a success. Help is needed with setup, check-in, parking, administration, clean-up and several other activities. We would love to have you help out with the fun. Please contact Gathering of the Heritage Coordinator Brandon J. Kelly at concours@bmwpugetsound.com to participate.

We look forward to seeing you on July 25! Again, registration is now open via MotorsportReg, so act fast!

Brandon J. Kelly

Gathering of the Heritage Coordinator

DIRECTIONS

Mercer Island Outdoor Sculpture Park
Sunset Highway SE & 78th Avenue SW
Mercer Island, WA 98040

FOR CARS BEING JUDGED

Coming from the West: Take I-90 east to Exit #7A (77th Avenue SE). Turn right off the exit, and then an immediate left onto Sunset Highway SE (where you will be greeted by our check in folks).

Coming from the East: Take I-90 west to Exit #7 (Island Crest Way). Turn left off the exit (at the light) onto Island Crest Way/SE 26th Street, and then an immediate right onto SE 27th Street. Take a right onto 77th Avenue SE, and then another right onto Sunset Highway SE, where you will be greeted by our check in folks.

FOR EVENT SPECTATORS

Coming from the West: Take I-90 east to Exit #7A (77th Avenue SE). Turn left off the exit, and then right onto North Mercer Way. Take a left onto 80th Avenue SE into the Park-N-Ride parking garage, and then walk to the event via 80th Avenue SE.

Coming from the East: Take I-90 west to Exit #7 (Island Crest Way). Turn left off the exit at the light onto Island Crest Way/SE 26th Street and then an immediate right onto SE 27th Street. Turn right onto 80th Avenue SE, and go straight across North Mercer Way into the Park-N-Ride parking garage, and then walk back to the event via 80th Avenue SE.



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Sunday, July 26

THE AUDI, BMW, MERCEDES AND PORSCHE CLUBS are coming together for a first ever Show und Shine car show. This epic gathering will be part of Renton River Days at Cedar River Park on July 26.

This is a really simple event: Wash your car, clean the wheels, and you are ready for the lawn. We anticipate an amazing eclectic display of Deutsch Schonheiten (German Beauties) spanning seven decades. To fill out these decades we encourage those with Deutsch Schonheitens from the '50s, '60s and '70s to register early to secure your spot!

Space is limited to just over 300 cars total with each of the four clubs pre-registering their own members on their MotorsportReg website. Registration opened on MotorsportReg on May 1. Due to space limitations we do not anticipate being able to park any members cars on the lawn who are not pre-registered. If you miss pre-registration, however, there is plenty of additional parking in the regular parking lot.

Cost for the Show und Shine is \$10 with the event raising money for the local Renton Lions Club who have been doing good work for the local community for over 75 years.

We'll start parking cars by marque at 10:00 am. There will be a couple of food trucks on site. After lunch we'll have a short presentation and announcements and wrap up around 2:00 pm.

Besides the Deutsch-Marque Show und Shine, Renton River Days offer many activities for the whole family.

Lance Richert

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M Car Day

Saturday, September 19



**Saturday, September 19
10:30 am – 2:00 pm
Griot's Garage, Tacoma, WA**

LAST YEAR'S M CAR DAY WAS A LOT OF FUN, so we're doing it again! Please mark Saturday, September 19 on your calendar for a very special day of camaraderie to celebrate all things rated M. Our hosts will be Griot's Garage at their facility in Tacoma. Last year saw 195 M Cars

in attendance! This will be the eighth annual M Car Day to celebrate all of the wonderful BMW M Cars that have thrilled us over the years.

This event is FREE! For planning, we ask that you RSVP and include this information about yourself:

Name / Year and type of M Car / Number of guests / City

Please roll in between 10:30 and 11:00 am so we can direct you to the appropriate section to park your M car. We will park the M Cars by E and F chassis types, so owners can compare notes on common maintenance issues and modifications. We'll also have a section for regular BMWs that have had M Power engine transplants. So S52 E30s and S14 2002s are welcome!

Here is a rough agenda for the day:

- Griot's Garage will provide each M Car owner in attendance with a free Car Care Product sample at registration. There will also be discounts in the store, so bring your shopping list.

- Around 11:00 am a Griot's Garage car care specialist will pick a lucky car from the attendees for a car care demo in their garage.
- We'll have a couple of tasty food trucks on site for lunch. Bring cash and your appetite. Yum!
- After lunch, we'll have the always popular raffle for some great prizes!

Club members without an M Car are also welcomed to attend the event to enjoy the day. There will be additional parking for non-M BMWs. The event will run until about 2:00 pm.

Special thanks to BMW Northwest, Griot's Garage and Haury's Lake City Collision for their continued support of this event!

RSVP by email to Lance Richert at Lance@Richertnet.com.

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Photo by Brad Bowen.



MOTOR SPORTS



ONCE AGAIN, ON MAY 29, we had a perfect track day at Pacific Raceways, absolutely clear and sunny. Rick Gulstrom has done it again! This is now six consecutive track days of sunny rain-free driving. So, if you have not signed up for a Car Control Clinic or High Performance Driving Event, then it is time! Go to the website for the dates, tech inspection forms, and other information for the tracks. Come on out.

We are so very fortunate to have two racetracks in our back yards—Pacific Raceways in Kent and The Ridge Motorsport Complex in Shelton. It is important that you drive as many different tracks as possible as a means to improve and expand your driving repertoire. If you stop to think about it, Pacific Raceways is no more than an hour away from most parts of Seattle. My friend and fellow instructor Chuck lives in Woodinville and can still get to Pacific in less than one hour in the morning. The Ridge Motorsport Complex in Shelton is really only one and one-half hours away



Dick Wittemore's PRO3 car uses the classic BMW Motorsports livery.

even for me in Issaquah. So, this is all to say that getting to these two tracks is not the limiting factor for anyone.

Pacific Raceways is an old track, dating back to the early 1960s. Do a search for Pacific Raceway race movies and you will find some from 1963. Sam Posey is quoted about Pacific Raceways "as having gone somewhere" when he was racing here back in the day. It is an interesting course with technical corners and

elevation changes. The front straight allows the horsepower to be unleashed and the corners will challenge your suspension. But, BMWs were made for this kind of driving.

We are fortunate to have the space to hold the Car Control Clinic in the paddock at the same time an HPDE is taking place. Remember, if you attend a CCC, you will get to drive some parade laps at lunchtime and then get

to ride in an instructor's car for some hot laps. The Ridge is a different animal. There are four major changes in elevation over the course of 16 corners and 2.5 miles. The track is wide, new asphalt, and on a clear day, you can see Mt. Rainier to the south. There are four corner combinations that, as Bill Bauer (PCA instructor) calls them, "I believe corners" because you cannot see the track-out points on the track and you have to believe that there is a track there at the end. Although daunting at first, most people master this track after a few laps. Yes, it is 90 miles away from Issaquah, but you get to have more seat time! The Ridge track day will be on September 13 and you should not miss it.

We have three more track days this year with the last one being held at The Ridge. Get your car ready and come out to the track and experience why your car is The Ultimate Driving Machine.

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WE ARE WELL INTO THE 2015 ICSCC RACING SEASON with four races in the books and #5 at Portland coming up the weekend of June 6. Admittedly, I haven't been behind the wheel much in the past year or so and the race in Portland will be my first on-track adventures this season. That's one of the great things about racing in the Pacific Northwest and with ICSCC: there are many opportunities to go racing throughout the summer and into fall. Just want to hit your home track for events? That's three weekends in and of itself plus add the endurance races and you can get even more seat (race) time.

IRDC, our local Seattle ICSCC club, reworked the schedule last year and continued with the changes this year providing for a non-points race to run Saturday afternoons. That means the non-points race qualification time replaces the Saturday morning practice sessions, but leaves Sunday's schedule unchanged. Overall, I think the change was met positively as it gives racers the opportunity to race more frequently or to just come out for one weekend day vs. two. Regardless of how you intend to do it, don't let your past excuses for not coming out keep you away from the track this year.

Even though we aren't at the half-way point yet, we are seeing two racers push to the front of the championship points grid and if this keeps up they will make for some exciting racing as the season progresses. Chris Hart of Yakima, and Olivier Henrichot of Portland are setting track records and enjoying some stiff competition between the two of them. Their cars appear to be equally matched as do the drivers' skills. It will be fun to watch to see if one of them manages to run away with the championship or if the top podium spot comes down to the wire in September. Chris Hart currently leads in the points chase with 96 overall points to Olivier's 84. Keep in mind, ICSCC requires that only the top 10 races count and there are 14 total races this season.

What are you doing over the 4th of July weekend? If you said anything other than "Going to Pacific Raceways to watch the SOVREN Historics" you'd be nuts! Last year, PRO3 made its debut as an invited guest race class to put on a good show for the fans. As was expected, PRO3 did a fantastic job and made for some exciting racing to watch. Comments from the fans and other SOVREN racers alike were positive with the hopes we would return.

SOVREN extended an invitation to us again this year and we accepted.

To make this year even better, SOVREN has chosen the BMW as the featured marque of the event. What a perfect opportunity for fellow Club members to come out and see some great BMW show cars in the concours corral as well as on track going head to head in five different races starting Friday. Man, I'm excited just writing about it!

As part of the fundraising for this event, we are working out the details for a pay-to-ride mock race for spectators. For a fee, eight passengers will climb into waiting PRO3 cars (as passengers) and grid up as if in a PRO3 race. Two by two, pace car, green flag, the whole bit! When that flag drops, there will be four laps of "racing" including passing. You will get the real PRO3 racing experience all for a good cause. Funds will go to the Seattle Children's hospital.

Come on out and enjoy the show!

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Chris Hart leads the way.



Oliver Henrichot in foreground, dices with Charles Hurley.

Photos by Doug Berger.



Driving in the Real World: Learning What You and Your Car Can Do in a Car Control Clinic

by Mi Ae Lipe



Photo by Mi Ae Lipe.

One of the CCC drills is the wet skid pad, which is a fun way to learn about skidding without hurting your car.

MOST OF US DRIVE EVERY DAY not knowing a fraction of what our vehicles can do. How fast could you stop in an emergency? Would you know what to do if you started sliding on an icy patch? Could you recognize when your vehicle is about to go out of control? And what can it really do on a track, anyway?

Driving is an exercise in managing weight, time, and space, and the laws of physics make exceptions for no one. But lucky for us, there's a great way to learn them without endangering others.

You may have heard about the BMW CCA's car control clinics, or CCC. The CCC is a noncompetitive event that introduces drivers to the basics of car control in a safe, controlled environment, usually in a big parking lot set up with plastic cones. It prepares students for the Club's high-performance driving (HPD) schools on the track and also teaches skills applicable to street driving. Recently I had the pleasure of attending my first BMW Club CCC at the famed Pacific Raceways in Kent.

About 30 of us, ages ranging from teen to late 50s, assembled on a beautiful

Friday morning. Our vehicles ran the gamut from a brand-new Porsche Panamera to a Geo Metro. Most of the students were male, but I was glad to see a few women—these events could always use more female participation!! First off was a quick classroom session by our lead instructor Jeff Butler, who explained how properly timed steering, braking, and throttle inputs result in better weight transfer, more maneuverability, and smoother driving. He also described how proper seat position and steering technique are crucial for optimal vehicle control.

The day's exercises included slalom, hard braking through turns, threshold braking, collision avoidance, skidpad, and a handling oval. Each exercise progressively builds your skills, giving you a real feel for how your vehicle behaves when pushed to its limits. You learn the importance of keeping your car properly balanced, driving it smoothly with minimal inputs, and looking up ahead as far as possible to anticipate upcoming situations so you don't get "behind."

We also often have no idea how quickly our vehicles can stop in an emergency, especially if we have anti-lock brakes (ABS). Modern cars have brakes that far outperform their engines, and the braking exercises demonstrate how well ABS works even from high speeds. They also allow you to experience its peculiar pulsing sensation, which can sometimes startle drivers into lifting off the pedal and thereby reducing its effectiveness. (In my own extensive cross-country driving, I've learned to regularly use emergency braking to avoid errant wildlife in the road—especially deer at night—instead of swerving, which is far more dangerous.)

When it comes to a skid, often our first instinct is to panic and then slam on the brakes, which usually result in our going off the road—or worse. On the skid pad, it is amazing to learn how effectively we can control both oversteer and understeer simply by gently modulating the throttle, staying off those brakes, steering properly, and keeping a calm presence of mind. By practicing with our electronic traction



Jeff Butler looks like he's playing with toys, but he's actually explaining an exercise to participants in the Car Control Clinic.

and stability control systems both on and off, we could also feel the big difference these safety technologies make.

After lunch, we headed out in our own cars to the raceway itself to get a taste of the track. An instructor led us through the basic apex points and driving lines through Pacific's wonderful 2.25-mile course, which features nine challenging turns and 125 feet of elevation change. This was easily the most fun part of the day—simply nothing beats getting out on an actual track to feel all of those vehicle dynamics in action! Even at relatively low speeds, those few laps really helped make better sense of the skills we'd learned that morning and how they worked together. And it sure whetted our appetites for future HPD training!

(Trust me, once you start, you'll find it alarmingly addicting.)

With its skilled instructors and carefully designed courses, the CCC is an awesome way to get more comfortable with your vehicle's limit point; and it's indispensable to prepare for learning to drive the track at speed. You can also learn how to handle a potential emergency situation, which is definitely not where you want to experience these things for the first time.

When it comes to street driving, I believe a CCC has its limitations. Participants may walk away from it thinking they know all about good driving because they've practiced these techniques in a one-day course. Because U.S. driver education is so shoddy, and top-notch street driving training is

virtually nonexistent here (as opposed to the U.K., Scandinavia, and Australia), the vast majority of American drivers lack sound foundations in methodical hazard perception, observational skills, risk assessment, and situational awareness. Truly superior street driving needs to be about not getting into a bad situation (or even close to it) in the first place, rather than reacting to one, as these clinics tend to focus on.

Without this proper groundwork and—just as important—attitude training, such skills-based clinics can lead to huge overconfidence for some. Indeed, numerous international studies show that drivers who have undergone skidpad and crisis evasion training tend to have more collisions because they believe they can handle higher-risk situations. As a veteran of these clinics, I myself can attest to these feelings—in many ways, our most dangerous time on the road is right after we've completed one, when we're brimming with both adrenalin and confidence.

Along with our natural overestimation of our abilities and our cars' extraordinary German engineering (which can already make you feel invincible), it's a dangerous combination if we also don't have the proper risk management training, attitude, and respect behind the wheel.

That said, there's enormous value in attending a CCC; everyone should do it. Even if you never get out on a track, it's worth it alone for learning emergency braking, keeping your vision up, and getting an understanding of your vehicle's dynamics and limitations—as well as your own.

Mi Ae Lipe writes a blog about street driving on Driving in the Real World, streams daily driving news links and tips on Twitter at @DrivingReal, and writes regularly for Roadio.com.





Photo by Doug Eng.

Sun Mountain Lodge Tour

August 1

THE BMW CCA, PUGET SOUND REGION CHAPTER returns to the picturesque Sun Mountain Lodge on Saturday, August 1, 2015. This popular annual drive combines beautiful scenery, twisty roads and a resort destination that challenges your desire to return home.

This time around, we will meet up at the Smokey Point State Rest Stop off of I-5 North at exit 207 at 8:00 am. After our drivers' meeting, we will proceed north on I-5 to Highway 20, the North Cascades Highway. This is a stretch of road that should not be missed, offering scenery of mountain peaks, valleys and lakes, along with twists and sweeping turns as the road climbs and dips through the Cascade Mountains.

The route will include stops for scenic photo opportunities, bio-breaks and gas for the thirstier BMWs. We eventually will arrive in the town of Winthrop and drive up the hillside to

our final destination, Sun Mountain Lodge, for lunch in their dining room overlooking the Methow Valley.

For those not familiar with Sun Mountain Lodge, you will probably be shocked that it even exists; a full service resort on the warm side of the Cascades foothills! It is situated above the Methow Valley with expansive views of the surrounding forest and valley and includes a luxurious spa, casual bar and grill and a AAA Four Diamond dining room with an award winning 5,000-bottle wine cellar focusing on Pacific Northwest labels.

Anyone who would like to book a room at the Resort can call Sun Mountain Lodge reservations. The main line is 800-572-0493. At press time, we had not finalized any special rates for booking rooms at the Lodge. Check for updates on weekly Around the Sound email alerts and our website for any available special rates at the Lodge.

Get your coffee, donut or bagel on the way to the starting point, because we will meet up at 8:00 am, have our drivers meeting and hit the road at 8:30 am sharp. After lunch, it's about a three-hour drive back to Seattle from Winthrop. I highly encourage everyone to enjoy the many activities available in the valley such as hiking, mountain and road biking, canoeing (bikes and canoes available for rental at the lodge), horseback riding, scenic drives in the Okanagan Forest, wine tasting, or simply relaxing in paradise.

RSVP to tours@bmwpugetsound.com to attend the drive. There is no pre-paid cost to attend; lunch will be on individual checks.

Check for updates on Around the Sound and the chapter website.

*Jeff Conn
Deputy Tours Coordinator*

Olympic Peninsula Tour

June 27



LOVE DRIVING, BUT NOT TOO FAR FROM HOME? Then join us for an Olympic Mountain high. Where? To Hurricane Ridge for a view that can't be beat. Starting out in Federal Way, we'll take the back route to Tacoma, over the Narrows Bridge, and then up Puget Sound toward Port Angeles and Hurricane Ridge in the Olympic National Park. You can count on some twisty roads you may not have known existed.

The payoff here is going to be some of the best scenery in the state. We'll see the Olympics, Cascades, Hood Canal and Puget Sound along curves that remind you why you drive a BMW. Since this is early in the tourist season, we hope to see fewer back ends of monstrous RVs.

We'll meet at 8:00 am at the Starbucks at 2032 320th St. in Federal Way, across from The Commons Mall, exit 143 off of I-5. After a short drivers' meeting, we'll leave at 8:30 sharp. If available, we'll stage cars from the drive-up bank next door to the Starbucks.

The final route is still being worked out so stay tuned to Around the Sound (ATS) weekly updates or RSVP to tours@bmwpugetsound.com for further information.

Ed Walker

Driving Tours Coordinator

Columbia Gorge Tour Recap

May 30–31

OUR 2015 COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE DRIVING TOUR launched bright and early Saturday morning from BMW Northwest in Tacoma. Our host, Chris Busch, Pre Owned Sales Manager, welcomed us with refreshments in their new, state-of-the-art showroom, a great venue for our morning drivers' meeting. Thank you to Chris and BMW Northwest for reaching out to our Club members!

Once on the road, we covered lots of back road territory and great scenery including coastal mud flats, forests, river crossings and an ocean. As our 24 BMWs approached Astoria, where the Columbia reaches the ocean, the sun emerged and curvy roads drew us into the coastal lowlands. Arriving in Astoria, we pulled

over for some great BBQ before turning up river and crossing back over the Longview Bridge. From there we could enjoy long views down the Columbia on one side and Mt. St. Helens on the other.

After jumping on I-5 briefly, SR 503 returned us to the twisties as we worked ourselves back down to the river gorge with Mt. Hood in the distance. SR 14 wound us up along the river to our final destination at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson. There we were welcomed with exclusive parking and an outdoor grassy lounge. It was great just to relax, compare notes, and visit with fellow members and friends, old and new. All in all, a great day of driving, exploring, and connecting with fellow enthusiasts.

See you on the next tour!

Phil Sanders, Tour Leader



Photo by Doug Eng.



Photo by Doug Eng.

Generational Change at BMW

While the Porsche and Pietsch families fight over at Volkswagen, BMW Group has made an orderly change to a new generation of top leadership. Publicly-held German companies have a Supervisory Board and a Management Board. The Supervisory Board is half business people and half union representatives. The Management Board is made up of the top executives within the company.

Harald Kruger was elected the new Chairman of the Board of Management. His recent responsibility has been for worldwide production within the BMW Group. Norbert Reithofer, who has been the Chairman of the Board of Management since 2006, was elected as the new Chairman of the Supervisory Board. Reithofer has led the company through a particularly successful period with strong growth in sales and profits. Reithofer's nomination to the head of the Supervisory Board was opposed by a self-appointed gadfly group who managed to gain a significant amount of press before the Annual General Meeting. They advocated a 'cooling off' period before Reithofer joined the Supervisory Board. The gadfly group was ignored and BMW went about their usual business.

Joachim Milberg, the previous Chairman of the Supervisory Board, will now take a leading role in the charitable foundations related to the BMW's worldwide activities. Milberg was the Management Board member in charge of production, then Chairman of the Management Board during the Rover divestiture. For his adept leadership during that difficult period, he became the Chairman of the Supervisory Board and now moves on the charitable foundations related to BMW. It is a very clear career path.

The new heir apparent is Oliver Zipse, who becomes a Management Board member with responsibility for production. Professor Henning Kagermann and Simone Menne became the second and third female members of the BMW Supervisory Board. BMW becomes the first German automaker to fulfill the new

legal requirement that 30 percent of the Board be women.

For this stability we can thank the Quandt family who owns 46.6% of BMW AG's stock and has since 1959. The family's effective control of the company continues with Stephan Quandt and his sister, Susanne Klatten, as members of the Supervisory Board.



New Chairman of the Management Board, Harald Kruger.



Joachim Milberg retires to involvement with BMW's Foundations.



Oliver Zipse assumes responsibility for worldwide production.



Norbert Reithofer is rewarded with Chairmanship of the Supervisory Board.

BMW Motorrad Comes to Lynnwood

BMW Motorrad USA has expanded its brand in the Pacific Northwest with the addition of BMW Motorcycles of Lynnwood in the State of Washington. The new BMW motorcycle dealership, located at 17900 Highway 99 (also home of Lynnwood Motoplex), offers a complete line of BMW motorcycles, parts, accessories, apparel and service capabilities in an exclusive new 2,800-square-foot retail showroom.

"We've had our eye on BMW for quite some time and, finally, we have the opportunity to do the brand proud and take our business to the next level," said Jim Powers, Jr., whose family has owned and operated the thriving powersports retailer north of Seattle for more than 40 years, selling new and used boats, ATVs, side-by-side utility vehicles, personal watercraft, snowmobiles, and a full range of motorcycles, active apparel, parts and accessories.



"The Powers Family has built a great foundation for the BMW brand to thrive, and we are delighted to welcome them

to our dealer network," said Lou Provato, Dealer Development Manager, BMW Motorrad USA.

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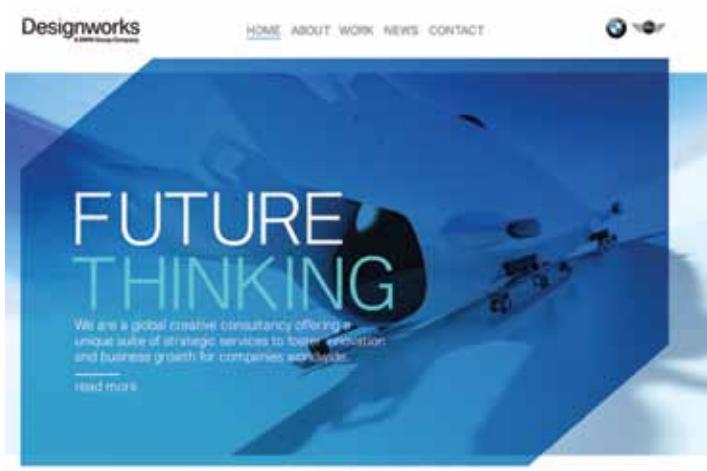
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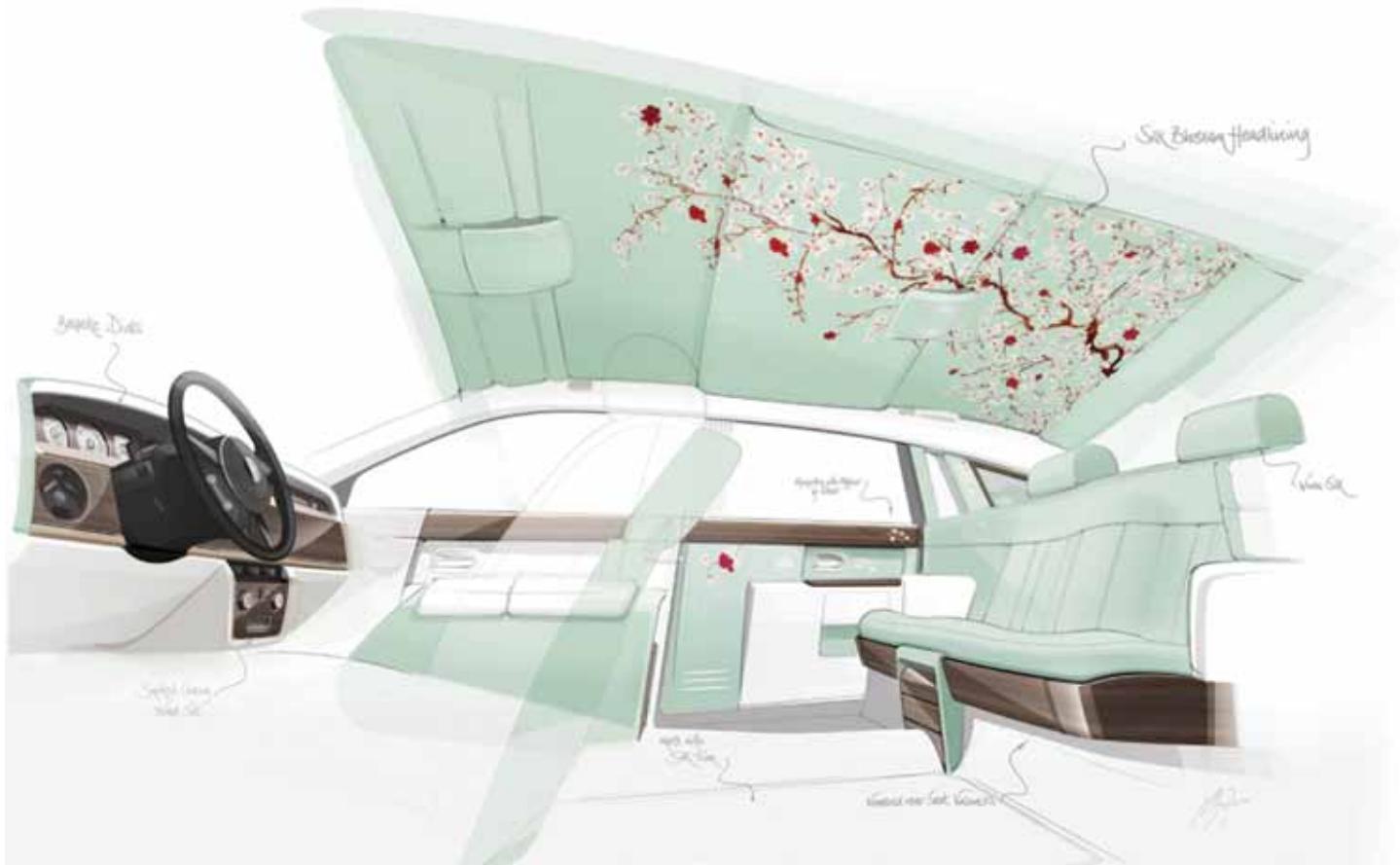
In response to wide ranging changes in the business context of DesignworksUSA, the BMW Group subsidiary will change its name to Designworks, launch a new company website and introduce an updated Corporate Identity.

Since 1995, Designworks has been an integral part of BMW Group Design. For

decades it has provided its creative services to inspire the culture of innovation at BMW Group and to foster creative thinking, business growth and change for companies worldwide. Out of its core competency and driven by its clients business challenges, Designworks developed a whole range

of services interlinking design with expertise such as creative and sustainability consulting, strategy and research, User Interface design and branding. While the consultancy's set up and service offering have evolved, its core business and strength remains strongly rooted in creativity-based, cross-industry innovation fuelled by its relationship with the BMW Group. Today the time has come for Designworks to align its internal advancement with its external appearance and to present a new name, new company website and an updated corporate identity. With these measures the studio is underpinning its role as a global catalyst for progression and leadership.





Rolls-Royce Presents Serenity

Celebrating the historical role played by silk as a symbol of regal and imperial power, the Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Bespoke Design team has created a magnificent one-off Rolls-Royce car which set a new benchmark for luxury individualization in the motor industry, and reaffirm that Bespoke is Rolls-Royce. The Rolls-Royce Motor Cars stand at this year's Geneva International Motor Show was a haven of tranquility as the celebrated marque brought Serenity to Switzerland.

Delivering authentic modern luxury, Serenity reintroduced the finest of textiles to create the most opulent interior of any luxury car. This unique design demonstrates the levels of craftsmanship, creativity and attention to detail only Rolls-Royce Motor Cars can offer.

The marque's Bespoke Design team has taken inspiration from the opulent interiors of Rolls-Royces that have conveyed

Kings and Queens, Emperors and Empresses and world leaders throughout history, whilst using contemporary interpretations of European furniture combined with Japanese Royal Kimono designs to deliver a truly innovative, modern and tranquil. Rolls-Royce is part of the BMW Group.

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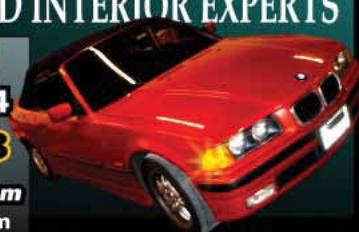
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