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KALENDER

March 1

Instructor Clinic at Mercer Island Community Center. This event is by invitation only.

March 15

J&L Fabricating Tour. See the article in this issue.

March 26

Board Meeting at the Mercer Island Community Center. All members welcome. RSVP to president@bmwpugetsound.com.

April 1

Deadline for the May/June issue of *Zündfolge*.

April 5

Tech Session at Eastside Bavarian for Women and Couples only. Article in this issue.

April 23

Board Meeting at the Mercer Island Community Center. All members welcome. RSVP to president@bmwpugetsound.com.

May 3

Car Care Clinic at Griot's. See the article in this issue.

BMW Northwest Grand re-opening.

The details are in The PRO3 Line.

May 16

First Track Day of 2014. Join us at Pacific Raceway for either the Car Control Clinic or the High Performance Driving School.

June 7

Caffeine and Gasoline at Griot's Garage featuring PRO3 Race Cars. The details are in The PRO3 Line.

June 8

All Convertible Cruise In at XXX Rootbeer Drive-In. Event produced by Convertibles Only. See the article in this issue.

June 16-20

Oktoberfest in Colorado.

June 28-29

E30 Picnic Weekend. The Picnic itself, the largest E30 gathering in the world, will once again be held at LeMay Marymount in Spanaway. See www.E30Picnic.com for details.

July 27

Gathering of the Heritage. Event formerly known as Concours d'Elegance. Some details in this issue. Event contact brandon.james.kelly@gmail.com.

September 7

M Car Day at Griot's Garage in Tacoma. Come see over 200 M Cars.

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J&L Fabricating Open House

March 15 | 10:00 am

HERE IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST we are fortunate to have as neighbors some of the premier businesses in the country focused on the restoration and maintenance of classic and historic automobiles. Among them are Dennison International, Vintage Racing Motors, Group 2, Goodman Racing, Racecraft and J&L Fabricating. An Internet search of these businesses reveals several articles and videos showing their customers' cars at Pebble Beach, the Monterey Historics and the top auctions in the world. As members of the BMW CCA, Puget Sound Region, you are fortunate to be invited to visit these businesses from time to time.

This spring the Club has just such an opportunity. You are invited to an open house at J&L Fabricating in Puyallup on March 15, 2014 from 10:00 am to noon. Club members and their guests will meet our hosts, Jeanette and Louie (the J&L in the company name) Shefchik, learn about their business and see some of the cars they are currently working on. Their focus these days is primarily providing restoration, repair, transportation and trackside support

of vintage and historic racecars for customers throughout North America, but it wasn't always the case. In fact one of Louie's first fabrication projects was designing, with the assistance of paraplegic athlete Jim Martinson of Puyallup, a special racing wheelchair. One of their designs is still in use today, known as the Shadow.

That was over 30 years ago in their first small shop with one employee, Louie. Since then the business has moved to a sparkling facility, still in Puyallup, with a staff of nearly a dozen. From the beginning they have been dedicated to providing exceptional service with unparalleled integrity.

This is the time of year when vintage race cars are being prepared for the race season so expect to see some interesting and historically important cars from the local area and beyond. For a peek at what J&L does, watch a video available at <http://vimeo.com/64528023>.

RSVP to bill.spornitz@gmail.com. Please include the number of people you plan to bring. This will help us plan ahead regarding refreshments as well as how to structure the presentations.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

- Take WA Highway 167 southbound.
- Exit onto WA 410 east toward Yakima/Sumner.
- Go .8 mile and take the Traffic Ave/E Main exit.
- Turn right on E Main (signs for E Main/Puyallup).
- Go .9 mile and turn left at 23rd St SE. The shop is on the left almost immediately after the turn.

If using a navigation system, make sure you have the address right or you'll end up on Puyallup's south hill. Make sure it is 111 23rd Street (not Avenue) Southeast.

J&L Fabricating
111 23rd St SE Building A
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President's letter

HAPPY SPRING! I'm sure spring cleaning will find you soon enough in the garage wanting to get out and enjoy the sun. We have a fun-filled year ahead of us and it's time to put in your vacation days for the Car Control Clinics and High Performance Driving Schools.

You spoke and the Board listened. Those who went to the BMW CCA national website and opted out of a paper copy of the *Zündfolge* will receive their only copy electronically starting with the March/April 2014 issue. You will receive an email announcing the *Zündfolge* is available electronically. Those who continue to want the print versions can also access the *Zündfolge* on the chapter website. Notification regarding the status of the *Zündfolge* will come from updates@bmwpugetsound.com and is delivered to your email inbox, just add this email to your safe list, before the print edition arrives in your USPS mailbox.

See you all around! Contact me at president@bmwpugetsound.com if you have comments or recommendations.

*From the driver's seat
de-Anna Martin, President*

The cover of the BMW CCA magazine 'Zündfolge' for March/April 2014. The cover features a close-up photograph of the front fender and wheel of a blue BMW M3. The title 'Zündfolge' is prominently displayed in red. At the bottom, there is a list of featured articles: 'Track Days Start Soon', 'J&L Fabricating Tour', and 'Car Care Event at Griffl'. The BMW CCA logo is in the top right corner.

ON THE COVER:

Coming soon to a garage near you, the new M3 and M4 featuring a prominent front fender Bimmerang.

Photo from BMW Press.



YOU ALREADY KNOW THE JOY of driving your BMW. Take some curvy roads, stunning scenery, a few good friends and you've got the makings of a Puget Sound Region Tour. Whether it be mountains, the peninsula or the desert, we've got great destinations in all directions.

We'll kick off the 2014 season on Saturday, April 12, with a Cascades Foothills tour. Mark your calendar now for what promises to be a twisty, scenic drive up around Granite Falls and ending around Sultan for lunch at a great local restaurant. Details on the route for this first tour are still being worked out, but expect to meet at the Issaquah QFC parking lot, 1540 NW Gilman Boulevard, at 8:00 am for a short drivers meeting and signing the insurance waiver. We'll leave at 8:30 am sharp.

While we encourage participation in our High Performance Driving Schools, no special skills or equipment are necessary to participate in a tour. The only requirement is that you be an active BMW CCA member. Solo drivers are welcome or bring the whole family. Either way, being a part of a long line of beautiful Bimmers is a memorable experience.

Typical Club tours will have 25 to 30 BMWs, from Z3 roadsters to big 7s, daily drivers, garage queens and everything in between. Some tours will be shorter and local, ending around noon with lunch at a local restaurant. Some will be longer all-day events. We'll try to have at least one overnighter tour.

All tours are driven on public roads, minding local traffic laws. We focus on safety, but always make an effort to find little-known twisty roads that are enjoyable at any speed.

Go ahead and enjoy all the wonderful scenery along the way, but the best part might be meeting like-minded BMW enthusiasts of all kinds. Taking a break alongside the road, you'll find someone to talk with that shares your love of fine German engineering. Look for tour details in the *Zündfolge*, *Around the Sound* email, and check for updates in the Club Events Tours section of bmwpugetsound.com.

Ed Walker
walkerred@q.com



Photo by Kathleen Gillette.

Mountain Twisties Club Tour 2013

Tech Session at Eastside Bavarian for Women and Couples

April 5 | 10:00 am – noon

EASTSIDE BAVARIAN in Issaquah, will open their doors for a tech session for women and couples only on Saturday, April 5 from 10:00 am to noon. The focus of this session will be to describe some simple car maintenance requirements needed to keep your BMW running properly. The owners, David Scafidi and Jaime Baker, will explain the maintenance schedules prescribed by BMW, why these are important, and provide ample horror stories of what

happens when these schedules are not followed. They will demonstrate some common problem areas on several models of BMWs. More importantly, they will be there to answer your technical and curious questions.

Come visit the shop and learn more about your BMW. For directions and to meet the team visit the website at www.eastsidebavarian.com. RSVP to Steve Libby at slibby57@gmail.com.

Steve Libby



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Griot's Garage Car Care Tech Session

May 3 | 11:00 am

JOIN YOUR FELLOW BMW CLUB MEMBERS in celebrating the arrival of spring at a car care tech session at Griot's Garage on May 3 at 11:00 am. This is always one of the more popular events of the year so please join us! There could be no better venue to show off our BMWs than at the beautiful Griot's flagship store in Tacoma, where we will learn how to get our BMWs cleaned up and looking excellent after a long winter. For those planning to enter their BMWs in the judged category at the Concours "Gathering of the Heritage" in July, our expert hosts will be on hand to offer special tips and tricks to help you score maximum points!

Once you have learned how to shine up your car, take a self-guided tour through the indoor auto display area, where you will see a collection of beautiful and evocative cars from our past. Don't miss this fun and informative event! *Note: Products may be purchased*

from the Griot's Garage retail store during regular Saturday business hours (9:00 am to 4:00 pm), and on this day only, Club members in attendance will receive 15% off any items purchased—a great way to stock up for the year!

This event is free, and all Club members and their guests are encouraged to join. Send your RSVP to me at the email address below. Also, if you have a BMW with less than perfect paint and are interested in having it featured in the demonstration, please make a special note in your RSVP.

Karl Freese
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2013 Concours d'Elegance

IN OUR LAST ISSUE of *Zündfolge*, we shared some of the refinements being made to our annual Concours event, the “Gathering of the Heritage.” Again, the date is set for Sunday, July 27 at Cedar River Park in Renton.

Leading up to the Gathering, we are creating a couple of events—one social and one technical—to get everyone fully prepared. The technical event is with Griot’s Garage. This will be a detailing session to prepare you and your car for simply pulling onto the field and ready for People’s Choice or enroll

your car to be judged. During this session, we will go through their available cleaning products, various tools to use, techniques for detailing problem areas, and what the judges will be looking for. The social event is a “BMW day” at the weekly “Exotics @ RTC” in Redmond on Saturday, July 26. If successful, this will enable you to show your car that entire weekend! Stay tuned, as we try to lock these two events down.

We have a great lineup of sponsors/vendors coming; BMW Seattle, Griot’s Garage, Hagerty (mentioned in our last

issue), plus more offering “day of show” deals. We also have a great assortment of raffle prizes being collected, so you don’t want to miss this event! As planning is still ongoing, there are still areas that need assistance;

- Graphic designers for the event t-shirt / poster / program
- Committee members to help implement the planning process
- Guest judges
- Volunteers for the day of the event

If you know anyone who can help with the above, please send their contact information to brandon.james.kelly@gmail.com or call 206-512-4686.

Stay tuned for more details in our May/June issue of *Zündfolge*, Facebook and “Around the Sound” email blasts regarding the event. I’ll be sharing class breakdowns, judged registration costs, t-shirt details, and more! In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact me. Thank you!

Brandon J. Kelly

“Gathering of the Heritage” Coordinator

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If you have questions, contact Janet at office@convertiblesonly.com or by phone 206-282-5603. Hope to see you there!

Note: This is not a Puget Sound Region, BMW CCA organized event.

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PLANNING AHEAD

June 28–29

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E30 Tech Session

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E30 Picnic

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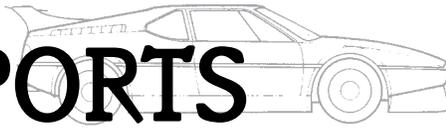
Sunday will be the traditional E30 Show & Shine starting at 10 a.m. The E30 Picnic has evolved into the largest gathering of E30s on earth. We are planning on 200+ E30s that day, so be sure to be part of the fun! All E30s are invited, from garage queens to daily drivers (like mine!).

All Club Members Welcome!

There is no cost to visit and view the E30s. See www.E30Picnic.com for all the latest information. See you there!

*Lance Richert, E30 Picnic Chairman
lance@richernet.com, 425-443-2188*

MOTOR SPORTS



It's time to start thinking about going to the track!

HAVE YOU BEEN ACHING to check out your car's performance and still keep your driver's license? Are you in bad need of a "track fix?" Are you day-dreaming about taking that freeway on-ramp with no other cars on the road except you? Are you dreaming of going to the track to drive but think you need "the right car" rather than your daily driver? Are you still thinking about how long it will be to the next track day?

Well, dream no more! Make your plans this year for the track days sponsored by Puget Sound BMW CCA. Put the track days on your calendar and plan for some seat time. Come out to our first of the year High Performance Driving School event or take the Car Control Clinic on May 16, 2014. Enjoy using your car like it's meant to be driven with some of the Northwest's highest caliber driving instructors at your side. We will have four track days at Pacific Raceways and one at The Ridge Motorsport Park at Shelton. Start getting your car ready! It is not too early.

Dates for the 2014 Track Season

Pacific Raceway / HPDE & CCC

May 16 / June 20 / July 18 / August 8

The Ridge / HPDE

September 13

Prices for the 2014 Track Season

CCC \$125, \$225 HPDE at Pacific

\$250 HPDE at The Ridge

The BMW CCA Track Program

The Track committee met in December to institute some new policies and philosophies regarding our track program. We recognize that our A and B group attendance has been getting smaller over time and we need to adjust a little to better attract those drivers. We also felt that the run group assignments have not been clearly defined. Here are the changes.

Relaxed let-by zones (passing) for A-B groups

A and B group drivers are in these groups because they have demonstrated excellent car control, very safe driving practices while in traffic, and have proven to senior instructors (or chief driving instructor) that they can drive events solo. We've tried an experiment over the past few years giving the A drivers much more freedom, and having most coaching occur outside of the car when they're not on the track. This has worked out great, so we're extending that to B group as well. We recognized that this group of drivers should be allowed to pass slower cars outside of the normal let-by zones, so we're adding all possible straights. We still think it's best if we don't pass in the corners, and all passes will be cooperative only with a point from the leading car. All of this will be subject to weather conditions, of course.

Instruction vs. Coaching

If you have a chance to attend seminars by Ross Bentley, do it. If you cannot, then read as many books by him as possible. Ross talks extensively about how people learn and how to under-

stand how people learn. As instructors, we sit in the right seat with someone we have never met, and must figure out how to disseminate a great deal of information quickly and understandably. This indeed is a challenge, but simply is a requirement of becoming a driving instructor. Participants who are first starting out need more "instruction" and this is why call this group D. We spend more time talking and truly instructing drivers to develop skills needed to successfully drive Pacific Raceway or The Ridge safely and quickly. At some point though, we transition from the role of telling the driver what to do to talking less, analyzing the situations, and offering advice on how do things better. That's the transition from "instructor" to "coach." As opposed to having someone riding with you in the sessions, we see having an instructor assigned to you that can talk to you after the session about how things went, what your goals are, and how to best get there. Some A group drivers are ready to move onto racing or being instructors themselves. B group and C group drivers can benefit from being coached to be more confident, precise drivers. So, look for a

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change in our instructor corps this year. These topics will be discussed extensively at our annual Instructor Clinic and by the Chief Driving Instructor (CDI), Tom Olsson, at the beginning of each driving event this year.

Why am I in a particular run group and how do I move to the next level?

We have received feedback that participants do not understand why they have been moved up a group or remain in the group from the previous event. Drivers are classified simply based on experience and recommendations from previous instructors. If you have never been on the racetrack before, you will be in D-group. If you have not been to the track in some time and feel like starting over again, you will be placed in D-group. Drivers, who have attended either BMW CCA or Porsche track events and have at least one year of experience driving, will most likely be placed in C-group. This is not a hard and fast rule, but is a good guide. Many drivers may wish to stay in this group until they feel comfortable driving their car a lot faster than they did when in D-group. Some drivers are very comfortable being in C group and do not wish to move out of this group. There is no requirement that you move to a run group where you might not be comfortable. The move from C group to B group is a determined by the CDI after careful review of the driver's written record. We expect B group's drivers to have mastered car control, can handle their car at speed, are profoundly safe drivers, and are able to manage speed in traffic.

If at any time you feel that your driving skill would benefit from moving to a different group, talk it over with your instructor. Together with the CDI, you may be moved to the next faster group or asked to remain in the assigned run group. We want to maximize your experience on the track, but will do so in a manner that does not compromise safety for you and others on the track.

Overall, your driving experience is absolutely important to us as instructors. Take advantage of on-line information, books, and Internet video of other drivers on the racetrack where you will be having your next event.

Ross Bentley and Speed Secrets eBook and on-line information

As I mentioned above, you need to read as much as you can about high performance driving told by Ross Bentley. Yes, this means actually buying and reading some books. As a place to start, you need to visit Ross's site: <http://speedsecretsweekly.com/>. For a mere \$12 per year, you can get weekly driving tips and information every Tuesday morning via email. Probably the most important eBook you can read on high performance driving is called Brake, Brake, BRAKE, the HPDE Instructor Manifesto: <http://hpde-instructor-tips.com/> Ross has

specifically given us permission to allow anyone to download this book. It is important for HPDE participants to understand what we as instructors/coaches are trying to do from the right seat. Read this book over and you will understand not only the approach but also it will make you a better driver. Not only will you become a better driver, but you might incorporate Ross's concepts in your own everyday life and work environment. You will be surprised how much of what Ross describes is applicable to many non-driving situations.

All right, now it is your turn. Come to our Car Control Clinics and High Performance Driving Events and learn to be a great driver. Learn from our outstanding instructor corps, take the time to really understand your car, and become a great driver!

See you on the track!

Steve Libby
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This workshop is a full-day session; you'll leave with a program customized for you to prepare for the driving season. You'll see results. It'll make you a better driver, and have a much bigger impact on your performance than practically any modification or improvement you can make to your car over the off-season. And it will be fun!

The workshop sessions are not just theory. In fact, you'll leave with a personalized action plan that you can follow on a daily, weekly and monthly schedule you can use throughout the season. The workshop will take place in a meeting room, so you won't need your car.

It doesn't matter if you're an HPDE or track day driver, road racer, or autocrosser. If cars or motorcycles are your thing, or you are a novice or experienced pro, every bit of the workshop will apply to you.

Cost

\$199 (Past Participant \$150)

Your crew chief/engineer/mechanic or spouse (only one) \$99

All registrations include lunch.

Registration

Register by March 15 and receive 10% off.

Note: space is limited for this workshop; sign up early to guarantee your spot!



Ross Bentley in Bob Mearn's PRO3 car.

For people who have attended a seminar in the past, everyone is different—there is good reason to come back. Ross is constantly learning new things to add to the program, and new ways to present it. No two seminars have ever been exactly alike. Most people who have attended more than once comment that they actually got more out of the second one than the first one because it soaks in a little more!

Lance Richert

More information and registration—online at <http://drivercoach.net/inner-speed-secrets/>



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IF YOU HAVE BEEN PUTTING OFF trying an autocross, let 2014 be the year that you put your worries aside and give it a try. You will find that autocross folks are supportive, willing to help new drivers and share how much fun autocrossing can be.

We have been invited to attend the practice and nine races sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Region of the Porsche Club of America. Most events take place at Bremerton Motorsports Park in Port Orchard, but there will be a two-race weekend at Packwood, one of the best autocross venues in the US. Packwood offers free RV day camping on-site with inexpensive accommodations nearby as well as a large commercial campground nearby.

The PCA-sponsored Driver Skills Day on March 23 is a good venue to refresh your skills or learn car control for the first time. This event is very instructive as you will have an instructor in your right seat all day long showing you how to navigate a sea of cones. You will learn that

your car can do amazing things and become a safer driver on the road as well as a better autocross driver. Watch the BMW CCA Puget Sound website for the Car Control Clinics at Pacific Raceways.

The autocross dates for 2014 are:

February 22 (practice)

March 22 (Race and Driver Skills with PCA)

April 26, May 24, June 7, July 19 and 20 (Packwood)

August 9, September 13, and October 11

Go to: <http://www.pnwr.org/Track/autocross/default.asp> for additional information on the PCA autocross program and Skills Day events. If you have questions, give me a call.

Robert Falk, 404-326-0249

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THIS YEAR, I THINK I'VE WATCHED MORE FOOTBALL THAN EVER BEFORE. Okay, granted, if I watched three games, that would be roughly double my usual allotment. It sure was a great season to start watching! I'm writing this column just a day after the Seahawks clobbered the Broncos in Super Bowl XLVIII and even if you couldn't care less about pro sports you have to admit that the energy around here is absolutely electric! A well-deserved World Champion title is to be shared by the team and fans alike.

The pre-race season energy in PRO3 hasn't quite reached the same fever pitch, but based on the various pics and comments from fellow racers receiving the latest go-fast goodies and the increased levels of (friendly) trash-talking, I'd contend that the PRO3 ranks are gearing up for what will be yet another hard-fought race season. Cars are being refreshed; paint is being applied; engines getting a

once over, all for the anticipation of taking the green flag come April.

About the time the season gets under way, PRO3 will participate in a couple of show and shines that all are welcome to attend! Mark your calendars accordingly.

PRO3 at BMW Northwest in Fife

On Saturday afternoon, May 3, PRO3 will be participating in the BMW Northwest Grand re-opening at the newly-renovated dealership in Fife. And, really, to call it "renovated" is a bit of an understatement! With the possible exception of one or two exterior walls, the dealership is completely new. The new car display showroom resembles something of a "fashion runway" for cars and allows ample room to get an up-close, 360-degree view of all the newest models that BMW has to offer. But on this Saturday, the showroom will be transformed to resemble more of a pre-grid lineup of PRO3 cars to help launch the new dealership. As an added

incentive to bring your racecar south to participate in the showing, each car will receive the equivalent of one race entry for the end of year raffle which will help increase your chances at winning one of the many checks from our title sponsor, BMW Northwest.

Speaking of such things, BMW Northwest has agreed to continue its relationship with PRO3 as our title sponsor for the 2014 race season. As was the case in 2013, the top ten finishers in points for the season automatically receive a check. The balance of the grid qualifies for the end of year drawing where the number of races started (i.e., if you took a green flag in a PRO3 race) grants you one entry per race. So even if you can only make the local Seattle races, you will have three chances to win one of the other checks distributed. And, if you bring your car to show on May 3, that's another entry. Plan to arrive around noon with the cars on display by 1:00 pm.

Our partnership with BMW Northwest may go beyond just the windshield banner on the cars, as rumor has it that the dealership has secured its own E30 shell for the purposes of building a BMW Northwest PRO3 car. This would be a first for us, having one of our sponsors actually come and join us on the grid! It's big news and we're pleased to share the track with them!

PRO3 at Griot's Garage in Tacoma

Griot's Garage, has once again agreed to sign on as a sponsor for PRO3 in 2014, and we are pleased to have them! To help launch the 2014 race season, PRO3 will again be participating in a Caffeine and Gasoline event on the morning of Saturday, June 7 at the



Photo by Doug Berger.

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Griot's main showroom in Tacoma. Last year, we were met with sunny (albeit cold) weather, and we had a great turnout of both PRO3 cars and fans. We expect the same this year, and hopefully the weather will again cooperate. Regardless of what elements nature decides to throw our way, you can count on a half dozen or more PRO3 cars and drivers present to answer questions and allow an up-close look at a PRO3 car. These shows typically bring out some of the newest PRO3 cars built over the off-season so it's a great chance to see them while the cars are still shiny!

For participants, be sure to keep an eye on the Facebook page as well as the Yahoo email group for specifics as to when setup will occur. Generally, we start unloading by 7:30 am and the event carries through until 11:00 am.

Sponsors Lineup for PRO3

In that same vein, Lance Richert has confirmed that we will have the same lineup of sponsors and performance partners in PRO3 this season as previous seasons. Toyo Tires remains a large sponsor of our class and this year, many of the PRO3 drivers will be trying out the all-new Toyo Proxes RR compound tire. This is a completely new tire for us as it does not require shaving! Reports are that it lasts longer as a result and is yielding the same lap times as the RA1.

In 2014, PRO3 continues to be supported by BimmerWorld, 425 Motorsports, Accurate Engines, Proformance Driving Schools, and Carb Conn. They support us, and we urge you to support them!

Gentlemen, start your calendars!

It's already widely circulated amongst the racing community, but for those

curious and those who may not have seen it yet, the ICSCC 2014 race schedule was finalized at the "Spring Meeting" held in January. The various clubs hosting races in Conference all submitted their respective race dates and the schedule was approved. The local club, The International Race Drivers Club ("IRDC") had to deal with some rather challenging scheduling issues this season. Picking race dates is getting to be a real problem here in the Seattle area, even with two tracks to pick from. Actually, that was part of the challenge. Conference drivers were overwhelmingly requesting an increase in the number of races held at The Ridge in Shelton, but also didn't want to give up our traditional weekends at Pacific Raceways. And with only three sprint race weekends to work with, it was a difficult decision to make about where to hold each race and work

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within the overall Conference schedule. Your own BMW CCA knows the challenges of securing good weekend track days around here!

All that being said, the schedule is now set with fourteen races slated over nine weekends plus two endurance races (April and October). For the “local” crowd, the IRDC weekends look like this:

Spring 6-Hour Enduro

Sunday, April 6
The Ridge Motorsports Park

Fall Enduro

Saturday, October 18
Portland International Raceway

ICSCC Race #2

Saturday/Sunday, May 10/11
The Ridge

ICSCC Race #6

Saturday/Sunday, June 14/15
Pacific Raceways

ICSCC Race #14

Saturday/Sunday, September 20/21
The Ridge

Anyone looking to come out and spectate and/or help out on a corner or around the paddock can certainly look forward to some great racing on every one of these weekends. The full race schedule may be viewed at www.icsc.com/season

Our 2014 race schedule includes two triple-race weekends and a double-race weekend peppered among the more traditional one-race-over-two-days schedules. You are watching the slow evolution of the schedule over



Photo by Doug Berger.

the seasons as increased pressure from other race sanctioning bodies and car clubs start to secure more track days. And along with all that extra racing activity, our worker base is getting spread pretty thin. As it is, if a race fan were willing, you could occupy every weekend this entire season with some form of motorsports activity at any of our Northwest tracks. Don't get me wrong, this is a great thing for anyone remotely interested in racing (participating or spectating) but it can start to lead to worker burn-out! We rely on our volunteer workforce to keep the weekends running safely and smoothly, and if that pool of talented folks were to dry up, well, we'd just be a bunch of people standing next to our racecars as opposed to sitting in them racing!

So this is my pitch: even if you don't think you have the skills to do work at the track, even if you can only come

out for a few hours, believe me, you will not regret it! Racers, this is your call to action as well! Not racing a weekend because your car broke (or you're broke)? Come on out! Good people are waiting to point you in the right direction to help keep our races running smoothly. Or maybe your friend or neighbor has become interested in what it is you're doing there under that racecar every weekend and would like to come out and see the action up close? Extend the invite to come on out and we will be sure to find a good spot for them to help out and have fun.

Michael Olsen is a BMW CCA Club member and drives the Spirit Halloween Superstores PRO3 car #130 in local ICSCC competition racing rickshaw_racing@yahoo.com www.pro3-racing.com

2013 Financial Report

THE PUGET SOUND BMW CCA Chapter is required to publish an annual financial statement to remain in good standing with the national BMW CCA office. Our chapter remains financially sound, and has recovered from some of the losses over the past year. A close eye on spending and finding ways to reduce costs have resulted in the chapter being in the black for fiscal year 2013. While not a huge margin, our fiscal policy is in the right direction and will be continued for the following year. If you have any questions about the financial statements or chapter finances, please feel free to contact me or attend a board meeting.

Michelle Miller, Treasurer
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Balance Sheet

At December 31, 2013

Assets

Cash accounts	\$ 61,847
Accounts receivable	1,065
Prepays	12,375
Fixed Assets	1,518
Total Assets	\$ 76,805

Liabilities and Equity

Chapter Equity	\$ 76,805
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Income Statement

For 2013

Revenue

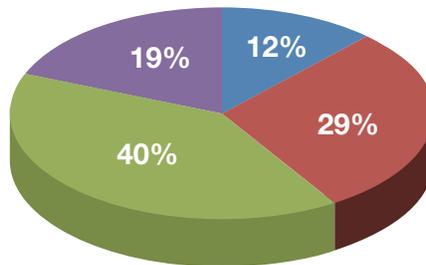
Driving Schools	\$ 44,390
Chapter Dues	32,026
Zündfolge Ads	21,380
Other Events	13,667
Total Revenue	111,463

Expenses

Driving Schools	47,960
Zündfolge	25,545
Administration	18,796
Social Events	16,370
Board Meetings	1,720
Total Expenses	\$ 110,391

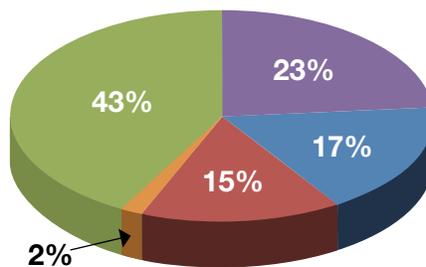
Net Income	\$ 1,072
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REVENUES



- 40% Driving Schools
- 29% Chapter Dues
- 19% Zündfolge Ads
- 12% Other Events

EXPENSES



- 43% Driving Schools
- 23% Zündfolge
- 17% Administration
- 15% Social Events
- 2% Board Meetings

LeMay Family Collection Tour Recap

THE LEMAY STAFF AND I want to thank all the Puget Sound BMW CCA members that came out for the tour January 25, 2014. It was very successful with 70 plus members and guests taking in the LeMay Collection. The tour started at 9:00 am at the Marymount Event Center. Early birds were able to tour the collection at the check-in location. After a brief introduction we car-pooled to the LeMay Homestead for the start of the tour. With such a large group the tour was split into four smaller groups, each with a LeMay docent leading and starting in different locations. At approximately noon we broke for lunch and we were back at Marymount at 1:00 pm. We then leisurely toured the Marymount collection.

The two locations have approximately 800 cars, trucks and motorcycles on display. One of the LeMay volunteers has a sizable motorcycle collection and had a nice selection of vintage BMW motorcycles on display. Being that I am an E30 guy, one of the highlights of the collection is a 1984 E30 Baur TC2 Cabrio donated to the LeMay Collection this past summer. Also on display was a BMW Isetta and 600.

I heard many positive remarks about the collection and tour. Let's do it again sometime.

Mike Ellis
Topless Red
 1991 E30 325i Cabrio



BMW Batmobiles to Appear at 19th Annual Amelia Concours

SCHEDULED TO APPEAR in the 19th Annual Amelia Concours d'Elegance is a special BMW 3.0 CSL Batmobile class. This will include the 1975 Sebring 12 Hour and 1976 Daytona 24 winners, and Alexander Calder's 1975 Le Mans 3.0 CSL Art Car.

BMW's Batmobile racers were glorious mutants. They arrived from Europe wearing giant wings, huge fender boxes and big spoilers, all powered by a 430 hp straight-six engine that made a glorious noise and propelled BMW's luxury coupe to over 180 mph.

American road racing fans took one look and fell in love. They also gave the new BMW racing coupes their nickname: "the Batmobiles."

"BMW's Batmobiles introduced American road racing fans to a new and different style of driving," said Bill Warner, Founder and Chairman of the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. "BMW factory driver Hans Stuck led the charge with wild exhibitions of flat-out, wheel lifting, sideways, 'elevenths' Batmobile racing that had nothing to do with the traditional smooth techniques of the grand masters of the Fifties and Sixties. It was wild and mad, but it was frantic, fast and fun to watch!"

The Batmobiles' debut came at the 1973 Six Hours of the Nurburgring in a corporate war between the be-winged BMW 3.0 CSLs and Ford's Capri. Ford brought Grand Prix stars Jackie Stewart and Emerson Fittipaldi plus the Amelia's 2014 honoree Jochen Mass. They led the blue-oval's fight against BMW's F1 stars Chris Amon, Hans Stuck and future World Formula 1 Champion Niki Lauda. The BMWs won the most important race on the European Championship calendar that weekend and the Batmobile legend was born.

The American high water mark for BMW's Batmobiles was the 1975 12 Hours of Sebring where Amelia Honorees Sam Posey (2013) and Brian Redman (2000) with Hans Stuck and Alan Moffat scored the Bavarian coupe's first major international victory. In 1976 the German team followed up with another Batmobile win in the grinding 24 Hours of Daytona. There were more Batmobile victories

In America: Laguna Seca, Daytona's Paul Revere in July, Riverside and two consecutive wins at Talladega. The American victories fit well with the Batmobile's string of European Touring Car Championships that would ultimately stretch from 1973 through 1979.

In the summer of 1975 BMW entered a very special version of the 3.0 CSL Batmobile coupe at the 24 Hours of Le Mans; BMW's first Art Car was rendered by Alexander Calder, an American artist known for his giant mobiles. He was enticed into the BMW Art Car project by racer and art auctioneer Herve Poulain who raced the Calder BMW Art Car at Le Mans in 1975 with Sam Posey and 1964 Le Mans winner Jean Guichet. It didn't finish, but Calder's application of bold, primary colors and strong geometric shapes to the contours of BMW's winged grand touring coupe captivated fans in both the art and the automotive worlds.

Alexander Calder's 3.0 CSL was the first in a line of BMW Art Cars that spanned three decades. It set off a series of BMW's racers rendered by famous artists. Frank Stella and Roy Lichtenstein interpretations of the 3.0 CSL followed Calder's Le Mans Batmobile.

On March 9, 2014 the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance will host a special class for BMW's rare Batmobiles at the 19th annual edition of the spring show that opens the international concours season.

"BMW's Art Cars were an entirely new style of motorsport marketing," said Warner, "In an era when most racing cars were little more than moving billboards, BMW's Art Cars broke with commercial stereotypes and enhanced the identity of the BMW brand through art rather than typical advertising. It was a brilliant move. It worked then and it's still working."

Always held the second full weekend in March, "The Amelia" draws over 250 rare vehicles from collections around the world to The Golf Club of Amelia Island and The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, for a celebration of the automobile like no other. Since 1996, the show's Foundation has donated over \$2 million to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Inc. and other deserving charities on Florida's First Coast. The 19th annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance is scheduled for March 7-9, 2014. For more information, visit www.ameliaconcours.org.



M3 and M4 Debut

The new M3 and M4 made their official debuts at the Detroit Auto Show in January. This marks the return to inline six-cylinder engines. In this case, output is 425 horsepower, more than the V8 being replaced and with considerably better fuel economy. Both sedan and coupe get carbon fiber roofs. BMW is quoting zero to 60 mph time of 4.1 seconds. Unless you order the seven-speed M Dual Clutch transmission, in which case they claim 3.9 seconds! There is also a special oil pickup to ensure no starvation during cornering. *(About time—Editor)*



BMW Centennial

BMW will celebrate its Centennial in 2016. This is also the year current CEO Norbert Reithofer will turn 60, the mandatory retirement age, so it is likely that BMW will get a new CEO. There are also rumors that BMW will introduce a new supercar to mark their 100th year.



BMW CEO Norbert Reithofer

2014 Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este

Historic automobiles of the Rolls-Royce brand are among the highlights of any classic car event. At the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este 2014 these eternally fascinating ambassadors of British automotive prowess will take center stage in a rather special way. The 110th anniversary of the Rolls-Royce brand will be celebrated from 23rd to 25th May 2014 as part of the tradition-swathed Classic Weekend held on the shores of Lake Como. It was in December 1904 that the company—founded just a few months earlier—debuted its models at the Paris Auto Salon under the brand name which to this day remains a global byword for automotive luxury. *BMW Press*



Successful Daytona Debut

Daytona (US), 26th January 2014.
BMW Motorsport and BMW Team RLL experienced a successful start to the United SportsCar Championship (USCC), securing an impressive podium result in what was the start of a new era in American motor racing. The number 55 BMW Z4 GTLM crossed the line second in the GTLM at the 24-hour race of Daytona (US), after completing a total of 679 laps of the iconic “Daytona International Speedway” road course. Bill Auberlen (US), Andy Priaulx (GB), Joey Hand (US) and Maxime Martin (BE) struggled to match the pace of their direct opposition on the long straights, due to the significant top speed deficit of their BMW Z4 GTLM. However, BMW Team RLL made up for this thanks to a great strategy, consistent lap times and a largely flawless performance by the crew, securing its maiden USCC podium in the process. GTLM victory in the American endurance classic was secured by Porsche’s Nick Tandy (GB), Richard Lietz (AT) and Patrick Pilet (FR). At the finish line, final stint drivers Hand and Pilet were separated by only 2.838 seconds.

The number 56 car, driven by Dirk Müller (DE), John Edwards (GB), Dirk Werner (DE) and Graham Rahal (US), also battled it out at the front of GTLM for long periods of the race. It was running in third when it lost ground after the rear right wheel bearing had broken. The necessary repair work cost the BMW drivers several places. But the white BMW Z4 GTLM made a brilliant recovery, ultimately finishing fourth and collecting valuable points at the season opener.

After this promising start to the 2014 USCC season in a race the team had never entered before, Sebring (US) is next on BMW Team RLL’s list. On 15th March the two BMW Z4 LMGTs will fight for top positions again at the classic 12-hour race. In the American Le Mans Series Bobby Rahal’s (US) team claimed GT wins there in 2011 and 2012 when it was racing a BMW M3 GT.

BMW Group Press Release



BMW to Present David Hockney’s Art Car at Paris Photo Los Angeles

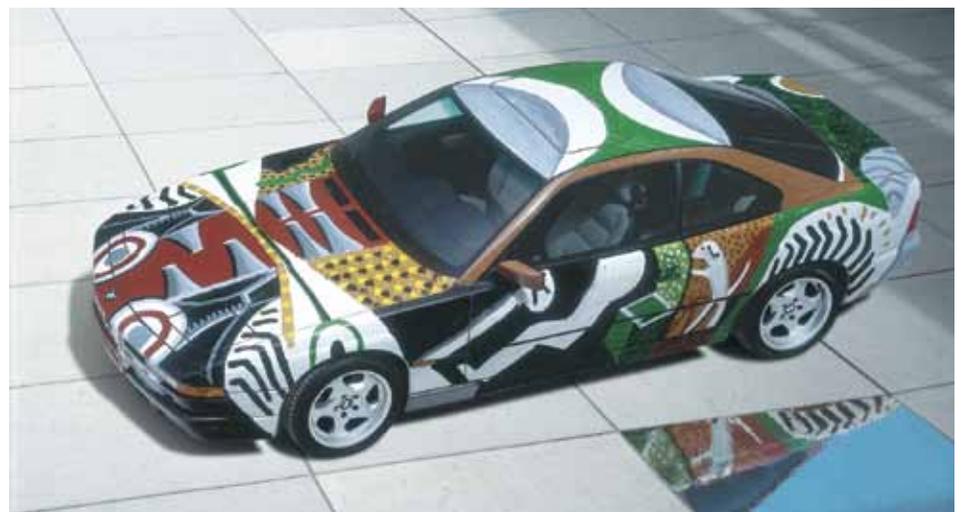
For Paris Photo’s second edition at the Paramount Pictures Studios in Los Angeles, BMW is proud to present the 850CSi Art Car by David Hockney. Almost 20 years after its creation in 1995 the Art Car returns to its roots in LA, the city that has been Hockney’s home town since 1964. “It would be good to perhaps show the car so you could be looking inside it,” Hockney described his approach to the project. He put the idea into practice in his very own style of pop art that became as popular as Andy Warhol’s amongst connoisseurs worldwide.

Since 1975, prominent artists from throughout the world have designed BMW automobiles of their times, all making extremely different artistic statements. The seventeen exhibits created for the Art Car Collection until

now include works by well-known artists such as Frank Stella, Roy Lichtenstein, Robert Rauschenberg, Jenny Holzer, Olafur Eliasson and Jeff Koons. The Art Cars reflect the cultural and historical

development of art, design, and technology and have been presented by major museums around the world, including the Guggenheim and the Louvre.

BMW Press



BMW Motorrad USA Welcomes BMW Motorcycles of Ferndale to Dealer Network

BMW Motorrad USA has expanded its presence in the Pacific Northwest with the addition of BMW Motorcycles of Ferndale. The new BMW motorcycle dealership, located at 5100 Pacific Highway 101 in Ferndale, WA, (home of Pacific Northwest Motorcycles) offers a complete line of new and pre-owned BMW motorcycles, parts, accessories, apparel and service capabilities in a newly renovated retail facility.

“We’ve had an amazing response to the announcement of BMW’s arrival here,” commented dealer principal Stephen McBree, who has been in the motorcycle retail business for more than 20 years. “BMW has a great range of models that appeal to a growing segment of the motorcycling community. We encourage people to come down, try out our demo bikes and experience the BMW brand for themselves.”

The Ferndale dealership is the culmination of a several-year effort to establish a larger BMW presence in the Pacific Northwest, according to Lou Provato, Dealer Development Manager, BMW Motorrad USA. “Stephen and his team are passionate about motorcycling and bring a tremendous amount of riding experience and knowledge to motorcycle enthusiasts in their region. We are proud to have them represent the BMW Motorrad brand.”

BMW NA Press Release

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Are you having trouble telling your BMW models apart? You’re not alone. As BMW seemingly tries to split niches into ever more thin slices, it gets hard to keep them all straight. Here’s an example: the 3 Series Sedan, 3 Series GT and 4 Series Gran Coupe. The Sedan already extends the roofline well towards the rear of the car, leaving a very short trunk lid. The 3 Series GT extends the roofline all the way to the rear of the car. The newly introduced 4 Series Gran Coupe seems to split the difference, a space of a few inches.



4 Series Gran Coupe



3 Series Sedan



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