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Beer Tasting and Tour at Airways

Brewing: See article in this issue or send an email to Michelle Miller at president@bmwpugetsound.com.

November 17

Board and Member 2020 vision

meeting: Join us to plan next year's events. See article in this issue.

November 21

Deadline for the January 2012

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2020 Strategic Vision Planning

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS invites you to join the upcoming 2020 strategic vision planning meeting.

- When:** November 17 at 6:30 p.m.
- Where:** Lombardi's Italian in Issaquah (<http://lombardisitalian.com/>)
- Why:** Help steer the direction of the Club and design future activities for the upcoming year and future

Your Club Board of Directors is welcoming and encouraging members to participate in our 2020 vision planning meeting in November. We are looking for members to provide suggestions, make requests, join committees and have a hand in creating the future of your Club. Consider participating in Club activities; contribute/design future events and getting involved with your Club. You are welcome to just show up and join the discussion as well.

We are having the meeting in the banquet room at Lombardi's Italian in Issaquah to support a more festive meeting and a larger space. Put November 17 on your calendar and join us for a fun night of creating the vision for the future Club for years to come. You can enjoy a delicious dinner too; no-host dinner service will be available.

Jeff Butler
Tech Events Coordinator



Beer and BMWs Part II

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND is an event to share our passion for beer and BMWs all at the same time. This time we will be at Airways Brewing in Kent on November 12 at 4 p.m. for a tour of their brewing facilities, a five taste sampler and some snack food. Airways Brewing is always experimenting with something new so who knows what they will have in store for us. Rumor is they may have installed their brand new brewery equipment in time for our tour. Bring your growlers to bring your favorite home with you. Your \$10 will cover the tour, tasting, tip, tax and food. If you want more beer, you are on your own.

Space is limited to thirty-five people so please pre-register for the event at www.motorsportreg.com or use the registration form and send with a check to Michelle Miller, 2713 SW 327th St, Federal Way, WA 98023. Direct links to registration can be found on our Club website and facebook page. Must be twenty-one to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle at president@bmwpugetsound.com or 253-334-9948.

Airways Brewing is at 6644 S 196th St. #T-100, Kent, and online at www.airwaysbrewing.com. Parking is free and ample in the industrial park complex.

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ON THE COVER

This month's cover features Team BMW RLL running together during practice for the 14th running of the Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta. *Zündfolge* photographer Steve Alvine was able to cover several of the ALMS races. For more photos and to read about the great finish of the ALMS Manufacturers' Title for BMW see page nine.

Annual Social Event

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL SOCIAL EVENT will be Saturday January 21, 2012. In an effort to up attendance and keep costs down, we have changed the event to a lunch gathering. The no-host event will be at OddFellas Pub in Auburn (www.oddfellaspub.com), which is about three blocks from the morning tech session at TC Motorsports (see adjacent article).

We have reservations for forty and we will have an area set aside for us, but you need to RSVP so we can give them a final head count. To RSVP send an email to duanemontagne@msn.com with your name and the names of guests attending. The deadline to RSVP is January 7, 2012. This is a casual setting so please feel free to dress accordingly. There is a family area, but it is separate from where the group will be.

OddFellas is located at 102 W. Main Street. There is plenty of free covered parking next door in the four-story parking garage. With twenty-five Beers on Tap, Steaks, Sandwiches, Salads, and Chops. There is truly something for everyone!

We hope to see many members for lunch and it is not a requirement to attend the tech session first. Join us for lunch, fellowship with other Club members and some great food!

*Duane Montagne, Club Member Volunteer
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Tech Time at TC Motorsports

JOIN US AT TC MOTORSPORTS on Saturday, January 21 at 11 a.m. Taryn and Carlo (TC) will have a suspension tech session talking about and demonstrating their equipment on how changing one setting on the suspension will affect another setting. They will make realtime adjustments on a car. They will cover alignments and corner balancing basics and how to tune a road or track car with the settings available.

This event is free and open to everyone; whether you're a Club member or professional racer, gearing up for next season's track days, want to spice up your daily driver or learn more about suspension, or just hang out with other BMW enthusiasts before the 2 p.m. Club social lunch at OddFellas Pub, a few blocks away. Please send your tech session RSVP to Jeff Butler at jeff@hauryscollision.com. See the adjacent article for the Club social lunch at OddFellas Pub.

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LAKE CHELAN WINE TOUR RECAP

THIS YEAR'S ADVENTURE to the Chelan American Viticultural Area (AVA) was an unforgettable weekend of cars, wine, food and fun. The weather cooperated perfectly with blue skies and warm sun for the three-day weekend, neatly book-ended by rain the day before and the evening after our tour.

impromptu stop at Lost River Winery in the small town of Winthrop, thanks to the effort (or should I say persistence) of Andrew Ashton.

Our first activity after arriving in Chelan was a BBQ dinner and wine tasting at Lake Chelan Winery. We received a first class reception by Steve Kludt, the owner of Lake Chelan Winery. He had us park on the grass directly in front of the vineyard, making for a spectacular photo-op-save for the dirt, dust and bugs that had accumulated from 250 miles of mountainous driving! The wonderful food, wine and informal atmosphere was the perfect setting for our group after a long drive.

Photo by Dane Martin.



Photo by Dane Martin.



A king's welcome, Lake Chelan Winery.

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Parking anywhere we can find room.

The drive to Chelan on Friday was spectacular as we took in the sights of Diablo Lake, the twisties of Highway 20 and the quiet picnic setting in the "electric" town of Newhalem, the source of hydroelectric power for the City of Seattle. Also on our drive over was an

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Picnic lunch in Newhalem, North Cascades.



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BBQ dinner at Lake Chelan Winery.

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After a restful night at Campbell's Resort, Saturday started bright and early with a 9:45 a.m. driver's meeting. After all, what is a wine tour without wine before noon? We drove the "long way" through the hills of Chelan and Manson to our first stop at Tildio Winery. Milum and his wife Katy, who own and operate the winery, opened early just for us and treated us well as we tasted through their portfolio. I overheard quite a few conversations about the wonderful Tempranillo and Cabernet Franc. We relaxed on the scenic patio overlooking not one, but two lakes, before departing for our next winery.



Photo by Thom Randolph.

The beautiful view of Benson's estate vineyards.

We arrived just after noon at Benson Vineyards for an amazing wine and food experience that exceeded everyone's expectations. Beth and her staff arranged a private lunch and wine tasting on the spacious patio overlooking the estate vineyards, and of course Lake Chelan. I got countless comments about how fantastic the wine was, and the table arrangement as we sat down for lunch



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Mark and Wendy relaxing with a view of Tildio.



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A fun table of Club friends having lunch at Benson Vineyards.



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was fun and unique. As lunch ended and the table talk was going strong, I recognized a potential issue with our visit to Benson... no one wanted to leave! After multiple attempts to round up the crew, many of whom were walking away with boxes of wine, we finally regrouped to leave for our next winery.

Vin du Lac was next on the schedule. We sat down outside on a patio surrounded by trees, orchards and gardens, and were treated to a lot of great wine. Carol ran the show as she single-handedly tasted our large group through a collection of white and red wines, then we got the special treatment with a flight of their premium selections. There was a bit of distraction at Vin du Lac; the proximity of the winery to a perfect view of the hydroplane races on the lake lured quite a few folks away from the table to watch the action. I cannot confirm or deny that I was one of those troublemakers.

We disbanded around 4 p.m. to provide time for individual activities for some people, and much needed down time for others, before our 6 p.m. departure for dinner.

Dinner was an adventure. We arrived at Sorrento's Ristortante, which is located on the grounds of Tsillan Cellars, and were promptly directed to a private seating area outside with an expansive view of Lake Chelan and the estate vineyards of Tsillan Cellars. The wine



Photo by Thom Randolph.

Dinner at Sorrento's.

started flowing immediately (thanks Kalin!) and appetizers were everywhere... meat and cheese platters, caprese skewers, Pacific oysters, scallops and more.

My recollection of dinner gets progressively worse as the evening goes on, so bear with me. As the sun set behind the hills surrounding the lake, we sat down to start the dinner service with a wonderful salad, then on to entrees of wild Pacific salmon, filet mignon, grilled prawns and market vegetables. I know dessert was great, but I don't remember what it was; not because of the wine, but due to the many conversations and table hopping with friends, old and new, as the evening came to an end. The planning and execution effort of Kelsey and Kalin at Tsillan Cellars, and Jerry Criscuolo and his son Gennaro at Sorrento's, made our dinner experience memorable.

Waking up Sunday morning reinforced why I had planned a late 11 a.m. start time for the day's activities. I was running a little slow, and so was most everyone else. Fortunately our friends at Karma Vineyards, led by owner Julie Pittsinger, knew exactly how to get the day started. Upon arrival we were greeted with a glass of sparkling wine and directed into the softly lit wine cave with an unbelievable arrangement of artisan cheeses, salami, fruits and bread served on wine barrel tables. Karma is one of only a few Washington wineries producing a Méthode Champenoise bubbly. Chardonnay and Pinot Noir are a perfect fit in the Chelan AVA, and Karma knows exactly what to do with it. The wine tasting continued in the cave as they poured a Chardonnay and two red blends. Susan and Mandy were flawless hosts, and Ron even rolled out of bed well before his usual schedule to give us a great presentation about the winery and sparkling wine production.

Karma was our last scheduled stop on the tour, though a few of us wandered to another fantastic Chelan producer, Nefarious Cellars, and enjoyed



Photo by Dane Martin.

A picture (window) perfect view of Lake Chelan from Nefarious Cellars.

quite a few bottles of their tasty Syrah on the patio before making the trek west. Rain started falling hard about twenty miles east of Stevens Pass, just in time to scour the bugs off the front end. The timing could not have been better.

Many thanks to all who attended to make another successful wine tour!

Dane Martin, Club Member Volunteer



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de-Anna can't resist Sean and Gina.

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BMW Secures the ALMS Manufacturers' Title at Petit Le Mans

BMW HAS WRITTEN ANOTHER CHAPTER in motorsport history in the USA at the finale of the American Le Mans Series (ALMS), the 1000-mile Petit Le Mans, at Road Atlanta, in Braselton, Georgia. BMW Team RLL won a second consecutive manufacturers' championship in the GT class to complete a 2011 hat-trick of titles. The drivers' and team championships had already been secured two weeks ago with one race still to go. The last time BMW achieved this feat was in 2001 with the BMW M3 GTR. BMW only returned to the ALMS with the BMW M3 GT in 2009.

After a thrilling race, Dirk Werner (DE), Bill Auberlen (US) and Augusto Farfus (BR) ultimately achieved a third place finish, completing 367 laps around the 2.54-mile circuit. After an incident with a slower car in the closing stages of the race caused two pit stops to repair the damage, their teammates Dirk Müller (DE), Joey Hand (US) and Andy Priaulx (GB) finished the race in ninth place. At least one BMW M3 GT finished on the podium in every single race this season. Dirk Müller and Joey Hand secured first place in the drivers' championship, ahead of Oliver Gavin and Jan Magnussen (Corvette). Dirk Werner and Bill Auberlen (US) finished third overall. BMW Team RLL clinched victory in the team competition, ahead of Corvette Racing. In the Manufacturers'

Championship, BMW finished ahead of Porsche.

With this strong result, the BMW drivers scored valuable points for two championships. The 1000 mile race at the roller coaster Road Atlanta circuit not only counts towards the American Le Mans Series, but also the 2011 Intercontinental Le Mans Cup.

"The entire team deserves a huge compliment. Everyone involved on both sides of the Atlantic have been justly rewarded for their tireless efforts," said BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt. "To celebrate this kind of success in one of the toughest racing series in the GT class is a fantastic result. Throughout the season, the key to this success was excellent drivers, a very low error rate, a team working in almost perfect harmony, our strong tire partner Dunlop—and the BMW M3 GT, of course. Our engineers really raised the bar in GT racing with this car this year."

Ludwig Willisch, President of BMW of North America, added:

"Congratulations to everyone at BMW Team RLL. To achieve an excellent result like this with the BMW M3 GT in one of the most prestigious GT racing series in North America is simply fantastic. We can all be proud of this achievement. More BMW M cars are sold in the USA than anywhere else in

the world, underlining the importance of this success."

BMW also emerged victorious in the "Green X Challenge" category, which is all about using resources responsibly.

Bobby Rahal:

"We came here to win the Manufacturers Championship for BMW and we did it. It was not an easy race. We had a number of tire punctures, an incident with a slower car in the dark, and so much traffic. This kept us from the top of the podium, but we knew what we had to do to win the Manufacturers Championship and I am certainly pleased to bring the title to BMW for the second consecutive year. I am extremely grateful to all of the sponsors and partners that support BMW Team RLL."

Dirk Müller:

"In the race, I had a moment of shock. I came into a blind apex in fourth gear and just avoided crashing into another car that was stopped on track. I just clipped the right side of my car and had to pit for repairs. Right now, I am just happy to be here in one piece. Nevertheless, we had a great season. I am very, very pleased that we were able to secure the driver's championship at the last race. We can be very proud on our achievements."

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Photo by Steve Alvine.

Car 56 lights up the night under braking for turn 7 at Road Atlanta.





The gloves come off for the start of the ALMS race at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.



The 98 LMPC car enters "carousel" at Mid Ohio.



Heavy rainfall eventually caused the race at Mid Ohio to be red flagged in the closing minutes.



Dirk Muller getting focused prior to a driver change at Road America.



BMW's ability to perform flawless pit stops helped account for the championship winning season.



Any questions?



Darkness closes in as Joey Hand rounds turn 7 and Road Atlanta.



Audi, Peugeot and several other European teams competed for points at Road Atlanta as part of the the International Le Mans Cup.



BMW's finished on the podium and every ALMS race in the 2011 season. Here they share the podium for 2nd and 3rd place.



The 55 car makes a scheduled stop at Road America in Elkhart Lake Wisconsin.



A wet practice session attempted to slow the cars down at Lime Rock Park.



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Flying Lizard Motorsports gets some hang time and Road Atlanta's turn 3.

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Photo by Steve Alvino.



Bill Auberlen and Dirk Werner on the way to a second place finish at Road America.

Joey Hand:

"It is a great feeling racing here as the 2011 driver's champion. It was a great effort from everyone, BMW Motorsport, BMW Team RLL, Dunlop and Crowne Plaza. This championship was not just won by me and Dirk. It was won by the entire program over the course of three years. This BMW is the coolest and most comfortable racing car I have ever driven. I simply had the greatest year of my career."

Andy Priaulx:

"I raced at Sebring where this successful season began, so it was another great experience coming over here and be part of BMW Team RLL once more at the Petit Le Mans. The atmosphere here is as brilliant as the BMW M3 GT. Congratulations to Dirk and Joey for winning the driver's title and a big thank you to everybody in the team. I enjoyed the weekend very much."

Dirk Werner:

"It is a bit of a pity that we lost a second place finish, but we've been able to secure the manufacturer's title for BMW with a podium. It was a very tough race. As they did the entire season, the team helped us with great pit stops to gain positions in the race. The team did an absolutely fantastic job."

Bill Auberlen:

"Petit Le Mans is always very tough race. Dirk did an absolutely great job in the final stint to keep us on the podium. I am very proud to be part of this team and continue to add to BMW's trophy case. Congratulations to Dirk and Joey for winning the driver's title."

Augusto Farfus:

"It is always great to race in America. The event here at Road Atlanta is amazing. I would compare it to a small Nürburgring with regards to both the racetrack and the atmosphere. There are a lot of BMW fans. The spectators are very close to the circuit and we can see them waving and cheering. This season has been very successful for BMW, and I am proud that I was given another chance racing in the ALMS with such great teammates."

This completes an extremely successful motorsport season in the USA for BMW. On September 17th, TELMEX Chip Ganassi Racing, with Felix Sabates drivers Scott Pruett and Memo Rojas behind the wheel of a BMW Riley, secured the drivers' title in the GRAND-AM Rolex Sport Car Series at the EMCO Gears Classic in Lexington/Ohio. For the pair in the TELMEX Chip Ganassi Racing BMW number 01, this was the second consecutive title with BMW Power. Paul Dalla Lana of the Turner Motorsport team also had reason to be happy. He drove a BMW M3 to the drivers' title in the 2011 Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge Grand Sport Class—also at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. The Turner Motorsport team can also celebrate the team title, while the championships also went to BMW for a second consecutive year in the engine and manufacturer competitions.

BMW Press

Yellowstone Recap

A SHOUT OUT to the Puget Sound Region Chapter members who made the trip to Red Lodge. With five chapters participating in this outstanding event, I heard rumors of making it a biannual event.

From Red Lodge to Yellowstone, our happy nomads explored some fantastic roads and scenery with shutters a blazing. Sorting the pictures will be daunting.

From the Top of the World General Store to the creeks, passes, and geysers provided a spectacular view for the group. The Inland NW MINI group rounded out the complement of Bimmers. Mountain sheep, goats, bison, and other critters were abundant along the way. Monday, the participants headed south to the Tetons while others made their

way home. We salute all that made the trip memorable for all. Thank you to Puget Sound Region, Oregon, Rattle Snake, Inland Empire and Wasatch Chapters for a beautiful memory.

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ICSCC/PRO3 Season Wrap-up

APRIL, 2011, seems like it was an eternity ago, but that was the beginning of the regular ICSCC Championship points season. Fast forward to September, and we have covered a lot of ground since then, and accumulated hundreds of heat cycled Toyota RA1s! The season included 14 sprint races over the course of 11 race weekends.

The PRO3 group also had an additional two races at the NASCAR Racing West Series "Bi-Mart 125" as a support race. Add to this a couple of endurance races, one in Seattle in March, and another in Portland in October, and well, it was a very, very full season!

The start of the season for PRO3 was a little rough. The opening races in Portland and in Seattle saw at least six

cars heavily damaged with two cars unable to continue for the majority of the season. Not exactly the best way to start a full season of racing. True to form, and as has become expected of PRO3, we got our collective act together and commenced with heads-down racing, with a half dozen guys vying for the coveted Champion's jacket.

The season did not disappoint with many races being

decided in the final few laps as to who would occupy the top five finishing spots. There were many racers in PRO3 who managed to make it to a majority of the races if, not all of them. That, in itself, is a real feat given the miles to cover just towing to the various events, the time off work for the testing and travel days, the hotel stays...the list goes on. This is a dedicated

PROs Versus Joes

PRO3 CONTINUES TO GROW. In 2011, the number of new PRO3 drivers coming up through the novice rank was in double figures while the number of built cars continues to increase. PRO3 really is the fastest growing racing class in ICSCC and considering the ratio of new drivers to total license holders overall, I would argue one of the fastest growing in the USA!

The reasons for the growth in PRO3 aren't as obvious as you might think. Sure, the more cars there are, the better the racing, and the BMW E30 is a fantastic foundation for a competitive and fun race car. These factors being put to one side, it is the group as a collective that makes such a difference. You've read about our presence at the K&N Nascar Series in previous articles but one notable factor is that PRO3 provides a fantastic foundation for driver development and the ability to learn skills that will transfer into the professional leagues.

Numerous drivers have made the leap. The most recent, Dan Rogers (driver of the #102 Tic Tac car and 2nd place finisher in the 2011 PRO3 series), competed with Compass360 this year and had a career best 11th at Laguna Seca. Other notable names, such as Rick Edwards and Ted Anthony Jr. race at the highest level and all started in PRO3.

This competitiveness creates interest from all parties. Over the past few years, PRO3 has offered a fun and enjoyment-filled chance for professional drivers to come and mix it up with the regular drivers. In 2009,

Continental Tire drivers James Clay and David White (plus other Bimmerworld drivers) competed with us as did Andrew Cadell. In 2010 Rolex GT drivers James Gue and Leh Keen joined us. The PRO3 group spotted a trend and for 2011 went one step further.

On September 25, 2011 the first running of the Pros vs. Joes race happened at Pacific Raceways. Invites were sent to a number of professional drivers of whom four signed up. Dave Thilenius (Grand Am, Compass 360, 2010 ST champion), Dominic Cicero (ALMS Falken Tire, Grand AM DP and GT driver), Ted Anthony Jr. (Grand Am 2010 GS driver) and Rick Edwards (Grand Am 2010 GS driver) as well as the best that PRO3 has had, including past champions and race winners, all took to the track on a wet and dry weekend in the Pacific Northwest. The racing was fantastic and with one of the biggest PRO3 fields ever it was anyone's race to win. In the end it was former PRO3 Champion (and Pro) Ted Anthony Jr. who won the race by less than a tenth of a second over Kevin Doyle (PRO3 driver and racing coach and instructor at ProFormance Racing School, a PRO3 sponsor). Above all it was the competitiveness of the group which saw all the Pros finish in the top ten but not all in the top three!

PRO3 continues to grow and we welcome fans and drivers from everywhere. To keep up to date with PRO3, find us on the web at <http://www.pro3-racing.com> or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

James Colborn, PRO3 #7



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and enthusiastic bunch of Club racers!

Chuck Hurley was in the lead position for points for the first half of the season, then Dan Rogers started knocking on the same door, only to be joined by Dan Gavrila. These three racers were within a half dozen points of each other at one point. Gavrila, however, kept proving his PRO3 mettle on track and consistently finished P1 along with securing Pole in each of his races. This combination garnered him 27 points each time; five points more than P2. Just two of these races launched Gavrila squarely in the lead for the season and for the first time in several years, the PRO3 championship was decided ahead of the final event in Seattle. Congratulations to Dan Gavrila, PRO3 #108 for his 2011 championship run!

This put Dan Rogers safely into P2 for the season, and left the final three spots up for grabs. (ICSCC awards trophies to fifth place, given the larger size of the class). Chuck Hurley nabbed P3, with Robert Johnston taking P4 and James Colborn finishing P5 for the season. Nice work gents! That was a

hard-fought season and there was plenty of great driving to be had among all of you.

We already know of several new PRO3 cars being built over the off season, and there were many upgraded Novices during the 2011 season who will return next year as Area drivers. The 2012 PRO3 season has yet to even take shape, schedule-wise, but you can count on this class filling every Group 1 grid of the regular 2012 season...however many races that may include!

One final note, the PRO3 drivers enthusiastically showed their appreciation for Lance Richert at the final race of the year. Lance was presented with a large, framed photo of his Auburn Foreign Car PRO3 #35, signed by the drivers with a personal thanks along the border of the picture. This picture was presented during the mandatory drivers meeting in front of about 150 drivers and workers. A very fitting setting to express all of our appreciation for everything that Lance has done to create the class we have today, known as "PRO3." Thanks Lance!

By Mike Olsen



Photos by Doug Berger.

Full Circle

EARLIER THIS SUMMER, I received an email from a couple of PRO3 racers asking if I'd be interested in participating in the "Pros vs. Joes" race, held in conjunction with ICSCC's Frank Manley Memorial race at Pacific Raceways. The details? A few guest drivers running local PRO3 cars against the best competition the class has seen yet. How could I say no?

In addition to the host of PRO3 regulars, this year's lucky guest drivers included David Thilenius (2010 Grand-Am ST Champion), Kevin Doyle (multi-PRO3 race winner and fellow ProFormance Racing School instructor), Dominic Cicero (Ex-ALMS GT2, Grand-Am DP and GT pilot), and Rick Edwards (regular PRO3 competitor, and Grand-Am GS driver). All told, we had 24 drivers compete in the Pros vs. Joes Challenge!

This event was particularly special for me, as the 2011 racing season has been more of an observing season for me, and I had not competed in PRO3 since 2007. Mike Olsen was kind enough to lend me 'The Reaper,' his Halloween-themed PRO3 race car, and it performed beautifully. It was fantastic to be in the paddock with all my friends, and experience the camaraderie and culture the group has been lauded for since its inception. That doesn't even get into the racing!

With twenty-four cars of near-equal spec, the competition is tremendous! This is the third consecutive

year that the PRO3 group has had guest drivers attend a race at some point in the season. Notables from past seasons include James Gue and Leh Keen (Team Seattle Grand-Am GT drivers), Andrew Caddell (Spec Miata, 2x Mustang Challenge and 2011 TORC PRO-Light Champion), and a host of Bimmerworld Grand-Am and BMW CCA club racing drivers from around the country. The point is, the group's culture is special enough, and the competition is strong enough to draw interest from racers around the country.

As usual, the racing was tough, and closer than ever! The battles raged around the 2.25-mile track, and I personally had cars directly in front of, and directly behind me the whole race! The checkered flag saw a near photo-finish between Kevin Doyle and me, with several other cars in very close proximity!

After starting my racing career in PRO3, and having the good fortune to drive in some very tough, professional series, I am thankful to have had the opportunity to return to the group that got me started in racing, and see that the only thing has changed is the increased car counts, and decreased lap times! Special thanks to Dan Rogers, Lance Richert, and James Colborn for organizing the Pros vs. Joes, and a huge "Thank you!" to Mike Olsen for his generous offer of 'The Reaper' for the event. I hope to be back for the next one, if I don't buy another PRO3 car in the meantime...

Ted Anthony, 2006 PRO3 Champion

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One particular need is in the area of Membership. As with any non-profit organization, recruitment of new members is always important. Because we cover a broad geographic area, we would like to get a group of people to make sure Club supporters have membership information about BMW

CCA. But we also need someone to take charge of this effort and be the Board representative for the Membership Committee. How about you? Or maybe you could serve as an area representative?

We also have other spots to fill, however at this writing, there are a lot of moving parts. If you're willing to give some time to the Club, there surely is somewhere we can fit you in. You'll probably be surprised how rewarding it is to be part of this group.

To discuss this further, contact one of the Nomination Committee members listed below.

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