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Board Meeting: starting time is 6:45 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. Contact the Club President to RSVP and for location.

May 1

Griot's Open House: All members are invited to the first Club event at Griot's Garage new headquarters. For details see the article on page 4, or check the Club Events section of the Message Board at bmwpugetsound.com, or the Club's Facebook Fan Page.

May 4

Deadline for the June Zündfolge issue: all submissions must be received by this date. Send to the editor at lucettalightfoot@msn.com.

May 16

Long Beach Tour: Join the tour to Long Beach peninsula. For details check the Club Events section of the Message Board at bmwpugetsound.com.

May 27

Board Meeting: starting time is 6:45 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. Contact the Club President to RSVP and for location.

June 1

Deadline for the July Zündfolge issue:

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June 5

Dyno Event & BBQ: Begins at 10 a.m. at the Carb Connection 13611 NE 126th Place ST 240 Kirkland, WA 98034. RSVP to Jeff Butler at jeff@hauryscollision.com or 206-365-1565.

June 6

Burgers and BMWs: The First Annual Triple XXX Root Beer Drive-In Burgers and BMWs event in Issaquah. Open to all BMW Club members. Call Rick Gulstrom at 206-644-1446 or email rick@gmsarch.com.

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Hurricane Ridge Tour: Join Club members on a tour to the beautiful Olympic Peninsula and Hurricane Ridge. See article on page 4 or check the Club Events section of the Bulletin Board at www.bmwpugetsound.com. For meeting time and location, you must send an RSVP to tours@bmwpugetsound.com. See you there!

June 24

Board Meeting: starting time is 6:45 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. Contact the Club President to RSVP and for location.

E30 Picnic Weekend: Biggest E30 Show on Earth! See page 3 or www.E30Picnic.com.

Deadline for the August Zündfolge issue: all submissions must be received by this date. Send to the editor at lucettalightfoot@msn.com.

July 2-4

Historic Races at Pacific Raceways: The BMW Club will be participating in the car corral at the Historics. See the article in this issue.

Wenatchee Tour: save the date: more information in the June Zündfolge.

July 25

Concours d'Elegance: at Cedar River Park in Renton. Send an email to Michelle at wearethemillers@clearwire.net.

August 4

BMW Club Wednesday night at the drags: Come join the fun! To RSVP or ask questions contact Jeff Butler at jeff@hauryscollision.com.

September 17, 18 & 19

Sunriver Car Event: German cars are featured this year. Let's get lots of BMWs at the event. More information to follow in future Zündfolge issues. Club contact for this event is Lucetta Lightfoot at lucettalightfoot@msn.com.

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E30 TECH SESSION

Feedback was positive from last year so we're again holding an afternoon nuts and bolts E30 Tech Session at Griot's Garage in Tacoma starting at 1 p.m. Griot's Garage is graciously letting us use their R&D facility at their brand new building to get technical with the E30. We'll be covering various topics in one-hour blocks all afternoon.

Saturday, June 26; 1–4 p.m. Griot's Garage 3333 South 38th St, Tacoma, WA www.GriotsGarage.com

E30 PICNIC

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. There will be special E30s on display, and plenty of opportunities for all E30 owners to share questions and stories. We are planning on 200+ E30s that day, be sure to be part of the fun! All E30s are invited, from garage queens to daily drivers (like mine!). Extra E30 parts cluttering the garage? Bring the parts and sell them if you wish. We are happy to be at the

LeMay Museum's East Lawn, located in Spanaway, WA. A great BBQ spread is being provided by BBQ2U, bring your appetite and a few bucks and they will make you happy.

Sunday, June 27; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. LeMay Museum at Marymount 325–152nd Street East, Tacoma, WA www.LeMayMuseum.org

E30 Picnic Arrival

E30s will enter at the second gate to the Marymount Lawn (follow the signs). All others will enter at the main LeMay entry and park in the LeMay Museum main parking lot.

E30 Parade

After the picnic, those interested can participate in an informal driving tour Sunday afternoon, leaving at 3 p.m. The route will take the group south through the towns of McKenna and Yelm, ending up at I-5 Exit #114 where you can gas up, get snacks and hit the road for home. The tour is thirty-five miles in length and will take about ninety minutes to complete. Speed limits will be observed.

Tour the LeMay Museum

LeMay Museum is offering special discounted tours on Sunday to anyone interested in seeing their amazing car collection. Tickets (\$10) are available at the E30 information tent. Guided tours are sixty minutes and will be offered at 11 a.m., Noon, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

New Registration Format

Get a discounted entry fee by registering for the picnic at www.MotorsportReg.com. This is the only place to preregister for the E30 Picnic. Registration opens on May 1 for \$12 and closes at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 24. You can also register on site the day of the show for \$20, cash only. The Saturday Tech Session is free. Thank you to Auburn Foreign Car and the Puget Sound Region BMW Club for graciously covering some of the costs for the event.

All Club Members Welcome

All Club members are welcome to the E30 Picnic. There is no cost to visit and view the E30s. Enter and park in the main LeMay Museum parking lot and walk East to find the E30s on the East lawn. VIPs attending include our new BMW CCA Regional VP, Jeff Cowan, who is tentatively planning to drive his E30 M3 up from the Golden Gate Chapter. Go to www.E30Picnic.com for all the latest information regarding the E30 Picnic. See you there!

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



to hy Chric Cramer

BMW CCA PSR Event at Griot's Garage

A Reminder! All members are invited to the first car club event at Griot's Garage in their new facility located at 3333 S. 38th St, Tacoma, 98409.

The first couple of hours will be totally social with coffee and donuts and an introduction of the new facili-



ties by Griot's. At noon a Car Care Tech Session will began. Griot's will also have their retail store open for members to stock up on their detailing supplies.

Save the Date: Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. RSVP to Mike Ellis at ss337@comcast.net.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

- Exit I-5 at Tacoma Mall/So. 38th St. W. exit.
- Head West approx.¾ mile. North side of 38th (on your right).

Griot's is between Lawrence & Union. If you reach South Tacoma Way you have passed it.



ON THE COVER

This month's cover features a photo of three BMWs at Triple XXX Rootbeer Drive-In. Join more BMWs (and their owners) at the Burgers and BMWs event at 10 a.m. on June 6, 2010. All are welcome to enjoy Triple XXX root beer and burgers while meandering amongst BMWs with fellow BMW enthusiasts! A cruise will follow the event. Triple XXX Rootbeer Drive-In is located at 98 NE Gillman Boulevard, Issaquah, WA 98027. If you have questions about the event contact Rick Gulstrom at 206-661-1446 or rick@gmsarch.com.

Photo by Club member Rick Gulstrom.

Hurricane Ridge Tour

It's been a while since the Club has visited Hurricane Ridge for an official tour, so let's go! This one will offer a little bit of everything for those that can't get enough of our beautiful Northwest scenery. Weather permitting, we should get a nice view of the Olympics as we cross Puget Sound on the ferry. A couple of hours later, we'll be in the heart of those mountains at the Hurricane Ridge viewpoint, looking down and across the Strait of Juan de Fuca. If scenery doesn't interest you, maybe the road up will. It's recently repaved and full of the kind of curves that will remind you why you drive a BMW!

For meeting time and location, you must RSVP to Scott Hieronymus at tours@bmwpugetsound.com. Expect an early departure on Saturday morning from the north end of Seattle.

Bring a blanket and a picnic lunch, FRS radios if you have them, binoculars, cameras, and as always, a sense of adventure! As of this writing, I have yet to pre-drive the route, but I would expect the return to the Seattle area to be around 4 p.m. or so. As with most tours, this one will be one way only. Make sure you can find your way home from Port Angeles and be prepared for crowded ferries on the way back.

One needs to be either a BMW CCA member, or if you are a newbie, you are allowed one run with the Club prior to joining. Check the Club Events section on our website at www.bmwpugetsound.com as we get closer for any updates.

See you there!

Scott Hieronymus

June 19





THERE'S A NEW GARAGE IN TOWN!

In mid-April you'll have a great excuse to enjoy your BMW and get out for a nice drive. Welcome to the new Griot's Garage flagship store and events center. Just a few exits south of the Fife location, our new store is on South 38th Street in Tacoma. Visit our website today and learn more about this exciting new destination. Please call 253-922-2400, extension 100, to confirm our opening in April.

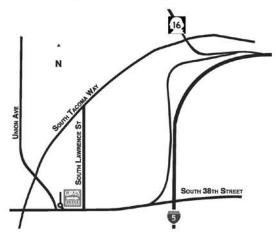
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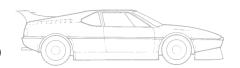


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MOTOR SPORTS



EVERYBODY DESERVES A SECOND CHANCE. And that's what each and every one of you has in May; a second chance to attend a Car Control Clinic (CCC) or High Performance Driving School (HPDS). We hold both events concurrently at Pacific Raceways. Our May event is on May 27, a Thursday. Register early on MotorsportsReg.com. You'll need to set up an account to register. Also, make sure you have time to get a tech inspection of your car; a requirement for participation.

Participation in track events is really the only way to properly appreciate the abilities of these amazing cars. Try to put at least one of these events on your "bucket list" and do it before you die!

On February 27, many of your BMW instructors took a refresher course at Bremerton Raceway. The event was hosted by the Porsche Club this year. The refresher course helped our present instructors and several potential instructors. The course was classroom instruction in the morning and on the track role playing between instructors in the afternoon. Here are some of the highlights from the course:

- Three minute interview with your student
- How to teach—methods and skills. what to teach based on the experience and skills of the student
- Debriefing and critiquing

This information will help the instructors become the best instructors (I think we are the best instructors already) when we are teaching the skills to drive your BMW in the Car Control Clinic or the High Performance Driving school.

Hope to see you at Pacific Raceway on May 27.

> Rick Gulstrom **Driving Events Coordinator** rick@gmsarch.com

2010 Driving Events Calendar

BMW CCA PSR Events

May

27 **Driving School & Car Control** Clinic at PR

June

24 **Driving School & Car Control** Clinic at PR

August

12 **Driving School & Car Control** Clinic at PR

September

Driving School & Car Control Clinic at PR

Other Events Open to CCA Drivers

May

10 **BMW ACA School in Portland** 17 **BMW CCBC School at Mission**

21 **ALFA Lapping Day at Bremerton**

22 PCA School at Pacific Raceways

29 **PCA Skills Day at Bremerton**

June

10 PCA School at Pacific Raceways

11 **BSCC Lapping Day in Bremerton**

12 PCA Women's Skills Day in Bremerton

23 ALFA Evening Lapping at Pacific Raceways

26 Tri-Club School in Portland

July

5 **BMW ACA School in Portland**

9 **BSCC Lapping Day in Bremerton**

10 PCA Skills Day at Bremerton

11 BMW CCBC Driver's Challenge at Pitt Meadows

16-18 BMW IEC School in Spokane

21 **PCA School at Pacific Raceways**

31 **PCA Young Driver Skills Day** at Bremerton

August

9 BMW ACA School in Portland

15 BMW CCBC Driver's Challenge at Pitt Meadows

18 **PCA School at Pacific Raceways**

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THE 22ND ANNUAL PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORICS will be held July 2 through July 4 at Pacific Raceways, off SR18, just outside Auburn, WA. The Pacific Northwest Historics is one of the premier vintage sportscar races in the Pacific Northwest and is the largest event of its type in the USA where all proceeds go to a charitable cause. All of the entry fees and any donations go to the uncompensated care fund at Children's Hospital. There will be approximately 250 pre-1970 vintage race cars, that are

entered in the races. As usual, the car corral provides an opportunity for local car clubs to meet and display their cars. The BMW CCA PSR Club will once again participate in the Car Corral.

To allow for more members to participate in the corral, the Club is limiting members to one day. Each car club is limited to twenty cars each day. To participate in our corral, you must register and pay \$30 per day in advance. This \$30 covers the car, driver and a program. Each additional adult passenger will be

charged \$25 at the gate. Reduced price tickets are available for children. The BMW corral has always had a waiting list in the past, so sign up early to secure a place for your BMW. (Friday is a practice day for racers; no formal car corral activities are scheduled.)

Corral cars must be parked in the corral from 8 to 10 a.m. each day. Corral participants are invited to take part in a parade lap of PR during lunch each day. We will have a tent in the BMW corral for Club members to visit and to answer questions about the Club for potential members. We are looking for volunteers to help for an hour or so in the BMW tent; if you are interested, please indicate this on the registration form. To register, fill in the form and send it with a check and self-addressed, stamped #10 size envelope. If you have questions, please call Lucetta Lightfoot at 206-282-2641 or send an email to lucettalightfoot@msn.com.

2010 Pacific Northwest Historics Registration July 3 or July 4 (choose one day only)				
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Email				
Year/Model/Color of BMW you will be driving				
Volunteer at the BMW tent? ☐ Yes ☐ No				
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Please make checks payable to BMW CCA Puget Sound Region. Send registration, checks and SASE (self addressed, stamped #10 size envelope) to Lucetta Lightfoot, PO Box 99391, Seattle, WA 98139.				





Now, turn your hymnals to Number 2002...

WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE, the BMW 320i was the BMW to have. It was new, fast, had a high-revving engine and handled well. The car buff mags raved about it. I wanted one.

I never did get a 320i, but there was another Bimmer popular in the day: the BMW 2002. It was a fun little car, and fast: basically a BMW 1600 with the 2.0-liter engine from the BMW 2000. The 2000 was a four-door, but this car was a two-door, hence the moniker "2002." It was fast, nimble, simple, with great visibility and a big trunk. A family could afford one and use it daily. They could take it on vacation to the mountains or beach and track it on the weekends. Every time I saw one on the road I said to myself, "Boy, I wouldn't mind having one of those! They are nice cars!"

The 2002 invented the sports sedan category which many other makers have copied. The 2002 made BMW's place in the US Market. The 2002 blew the mind of one auto journalist so much he was moved to write one of the most famous automotive articles of all time about the 2002 in the April 1968 issue of *Car and Driver Magazine*. To quote David E. Davis:

"To my way of thinking, the 2002 is one of modern civilization's alltime best ways to get somewhere sitting down." There's more, but I'm sure you know the rest of the story. Davis ended with "Now turn your hymnals to Number 2002..."

In early February this year, a group of Puget Sound area 2002 enthusiasts renewed their homage to the car at their annual "02/02/2002" Meet and Drive event. Eighteen 2002s gathered at the Don Armeni Boat Launch in West Seattle. Four other BMWs joined in, including me in my E39, Tim and Marlene Lemon in their 320i and an unusual E30—a Baur Hartge Cabriolet owned by John Schneeman. The condition of the cars ranged from "all original" to fully restored. I was very impressed by a 1976 model recently purchased by Brett Lawrence. It was in excellent unrestored condition: the original owner drove it after college, and then garaged it for his kids. The previous owner wanted something more "fashionable" and "modern" so he sold it, complete with original rust bubbles.

Brett struggled with a common issue in his 35-year-old carbureted 2002 trying to make it run right. Greg Mierz and others helped Brett diagnose his idling and running issues, including looking at vacuum leaks, carb settings, and who knows what else. Hey, it's an old car! With no OBDII, no computers

and no code scanners, diagnosis had to be done by feel and by ear. A Luddite's dream!

Today I can't imagine driving one of these as a daily driver. It didn't have any of the safety improvements we take for granted. No safety cage, no crumple zones, no airbags, no ABS, no DSC and no iDrive. It was just pure BMW.

Hummmmmm... Well, maybe I CAN see myself driving one.

The new emissions requirements sucked the fun out of cars in the mid-to-late 1970s. That's the reason BMW put the engine from the 2000 in the 1600: the 1600's engine couldn't be adapted to meet the new emissions requirements. Air pumps, catalytic converters, PCV systems and other mandated addons drained cars of power and added running and reliability problems that plagued most cars for years after.

The group of twenty-two cars left West Seattle and headed north through downtown on the Viaduct. Davis would be proud:

"Depress the clutch. Easy. Like there was no spring. Snick. First gear. Remove weight of left foot from clutch. Place weight of right foot on accelerator.... First stoplight. I blow off aging Plymouth sedan and 6-cylinder Mustang. Not worthy of my steel. Too easy."



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We zipped in and out of traffic on the West Seattle Bridge and off the Viaduct like we were afraid of an earthquake shaking the aging structure on a nice Saturday morning. Who can blame us? We veered off the Viaduct onto Elliott Avenue, past Amgen and onto the Magnolia Bridge then past Pier 91 and the new cruise ship terminal to Magnolia bluff. A gorgeous morning was unfolding! Puget Sound was below us with the ferry steaming to Bainbridge Island. Mt. Rainier stood proud over the container cranes on Harbor Island. Homeowners were out pruning trees. The beautiful and stately houses overlooking the Sound looked down at the line-up of cars parked along the road. I am sure they were smiling, and jealous!

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From Magnolia bluff we raced, I mean drove, through Magnolia, turned right at the south end of Discovery Park and then onto the Ballard Bridge. Here's where things got sticky. By this time the line of 2002s was very spread out. I've driven through Ballard only a

few times and never to Golden Gardens Park. So I had to carefully look for 2002s in front of me, and for signs for the park.

At the marina, we found a gorgeous fully-restored 1967 Alfa Romeo Giulia Super. This car is a contemporary of the 2002 so naturally it got a lot of attention from the BMW crowd. A concoursquality car, it caught everyone's attention! It is a beautiful car!

We spent the rest of the morning admiring the Alfa, taking in the views of the Sound, sailboats and mountains, chatting with each other and diagnosing running problems in some of the BMWs. Most folks had lunch at one of the park's local eateries. Good food, great weather, new friends, nice views. Folks out walking dogs, running and sailing. Can it get much better than this? Well, I guess it could. To quote Davis:

"Nobody believes it, until I suck their headlights out. But nobody doubts it, once that nearly-silent, unobtrusive little car has disappeared down the road and around the next bend, still accelerating without a sign of the brake lights. I learn not to tangle with the kids in their big hot Mothers with the 500 horsepower engines unless I can get them into a tight place demanding agility, brakes and the raw courage that is built into the BMW driver's seat as a no-cost extra."..."Now turn your hymnals to Number 2002..."

Karl Agee

The complete Car and Driver BMW 2002 article can be found at: http://www.caranddriver.com/news/ car/08q3/from_the_c_d_archives-info/ from_the_c_2fd_archives_page_2



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Line-up of BMWs at the Don Armeni Boat Launch parking lot in West Seattle.



Interior of Brett Lawrence's 1976 2002.





More BMWs lined up at the Don Armeni Boat Launch.



Brett Lawrence's 1976 2002.



John Schneeman's E30 Baur Hartge Cabriolet.



Engine bay of a 1967 Alfa Romeo Giulia Super.



1967 Alfa Romeo Giulia Super.



Greg Mierz helps Brett Lawrence diagnose running issues in Bretts's 1976 2002.



Greg Mierz looks at the 2002 of Jamie Mesaros while Tim Lemon and another member look on.



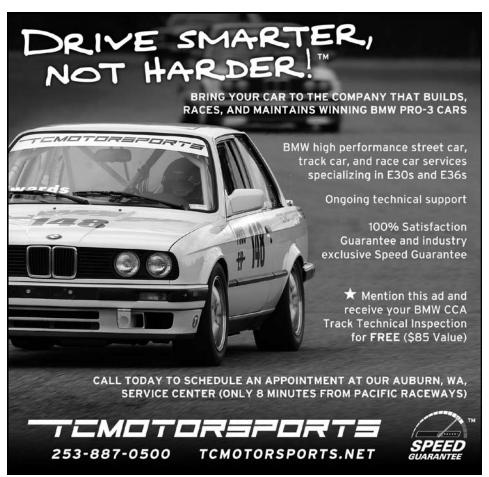
(left to right) Bimmers belonging to Brett Lawrence, Greg Mierz plus Tim and Marlene Lemon's 320i and 2002.

Concours d'Elegance

July 25

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! This year's Concours d'Elegance is July 25. The feature BMW will be the E39 M5. BMWs of all makes and models will be on display on the lawn at Cedar River Park in Renton. BMW Seattle and Griot's Garage are our sponsors once again. Have some detailing questions? Join Club members on May 1 at the Griot's Garage detail day to get information on preparing your car for this event (more information in this issue). Look in next month's issue of the Zündfolge for registration information. Contact Michelle Miller at wearethemillers@clearwire.net with any questions. More information will also be available at www.bmwpugetsound.com.





BMW West Coast Summer Concours

THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHAPTER is happy to announce that they will again host the second annual BMW CCA West Coast Summer Concours. This event will be held at the Rancho Canada Golf Club located in Carmel Valley, CA on Friday, August 13. 2010. This year we have expanded the event to include the Porsche and Mercedes clubs and are using the Legends of the Autobahn theme.

The Rancho Canada site is the perfect venue for this event with its rolling fairways and lush greens, a perfect place to display your BMW. Our Concours event has been the kick-off event to the Festorics weekend for many years. The Friday Festorics banquet will also be held at Rancho Canada.

There will be separate judging areas for all three marques and separate corral areas for the non-judged cars. The event will get underway with registration in the morning, judging at 10:30 a.m., lunch at noon and the awards ceremony at 1:30 p.m. There will be a host of celebrity judges and guest speakers to entertain us throughout the day.

As was done last year this is a clubonly event and you must be a current club member to register. Due to space limitations we are only allowing 200 BMWs on the field. Plan to register early. Registration will be available exclusively through MotorsportReg. Visit our website www.summerconcours.org for additional information and links to the registration site.

Spend your Friday with us, bring a picnic lunch or pre-order a gourmet box lunch. Enjoy kicking tires with other BMW friends and get your car all shined up for this great and festive event. A great start to the Ultimate BMW Affair!



BMW Vintage Rally

THE BMW VINTAGE & CLASSIC CAR CLUB OF AMERICA will be running a two-week rally through British Columbia and Alberta during July 2011. While this is a long way off, because of the logistics of the event, registration for the event closes July 1, 2010.

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Think you don't have a car that qualifies? Well, maybe you do. Any BMW up to 1986 (twenty-five years old in 2011) can participate. The age limit is waived for 8 Series, Z1s and Z8s. Many Club members have cars which are eligible.

The cost for the two weeks, including all hotels, twelve dinners, thirteen breakfasts, two ferries, baggage transport and sweeper service for disabled vehicles is \$4,375 per person for double occupancy and \$7,000 for single occupancy. A \$1,000 deposit is required with registration on July 1, 2010.

The rally will begin and end in Vancouver. The first day the participants will leave Vancouver and take the ferry to Victoria. Two days will be spent traversing the length of Vancouver Island. Then the group takes the ferry from Port Hardy to Prince Rupert; a sixteen hour boat ride!

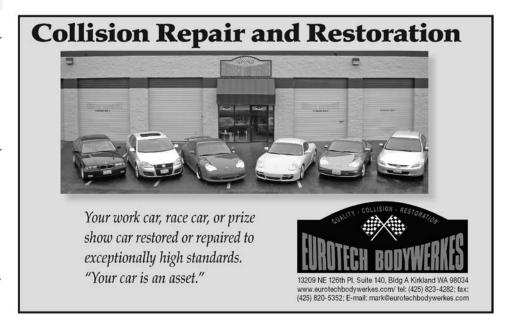
Once back on the mainland, the group will head east towards Jasper and Lake Louise/Banff. After a layover day in Banff, the rally will head west, going through Whistler and finally returning to Vancouver. The rally runs from July 9 through July 23. Total mileage is 2,300.

The American vintage BMW club is the host but there will also be BMW

enthusiasts from BMW CCA (that's us), BMW Car Club of Canada and the BMW Veteranen-Club Deutschland e.V. Several vintage BMW motorcycles are also expected.

If this sounds like something you must participate in, contact BMW V&CCCA President and tour organizer Goetz Pfafflin at 303-808-9135 or GoetzPfafflin@msn.com. Or check their website at: www.bmwvcca.com.

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The PRO3 Line

It's Endurance Racing Time!

As of Sunday, March 28, the 2010 ICSCC racing season is officially under way! Our local racing scene begins each year with an endurance race in Seattle, followed by a dozen or so (fourteen this year) sprint race weekends then ending with another endurance race in Portland. Some of our teams extend that season into December by attending the monster of all endurance races, the twenty-five-hours of Thunder Hill.

March 28 was the "6-Hours of Pacific Raceways" hosted by our friends at the International Race Drivers Club. Racing in March in the Pacific Northwest is not without its own special challenges. This same event in 2009 lasted all of one hour and forty-nine minutes before being red-flagged due to lack of visibility and traction because of heavy snow fall! This year, the snow jokes were flying at a pretty good clip, all the while looking skyward and giving a half-hearted laugh wondering if those jokes might become truth.

Although we avoided another snow event, the "6-Hours" became the "5 and ¾ Hours" of Pacific Raceways due to hazardous conditions at multiple points on the track with standing water. The "hot pits" were anything but, with rivers flowing freely through many of the pit spaces. It was reported that someone was fly fishing at turn 10, but I couldn't actually find proof of that.

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The spring endurance race is a good chance for many teams to get some time behind the wheel of a new car and get it sorted prior to the start of the sprint season. We had two new PRO3 cars make their debut at the track, utilizing the driving talents of James Clay from Bimmerworld nonetheless. Martin

Berryman introduced us to his "Apple Car"—a stunning example of careful attention to detail when building a car. This thing is clean, sleek, and set-up for both endurance strategy as well as sprint races. If you have the chance to take a closer look at this car this season, I highly recommend it. Unfortunately, Martin's team had to retire early due to some relatively minor, yet important, pieces of the car requiring repair.

The other PRO3 car introduced this weekend is owned by Robert Johnston. also of British Columbia. His weekend went a bit smoother than Martin's, with Robert finishing a respectable second in the new Limited class (L-2). I think his team name speaks volumes: Too Expensive to Crash. James Clay was spotted behind the wheel of both of these cars during the event so you know the cars were well-tested for a shake-down race. This is the second time that James has come westward to drive in a PRO3 car: we hope he will continue to do so in the future. He's a good guy with a wealth of knowledge to share.

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Although not necessarily a debut, but close, was the Car Tender entry driven by Rob Dunn, Paul Forgey and BMW-CCA PSA member-for-life Kevin York. Unfortunately, a rocker arm decided to give up after the first few laps on Kevin and caused an early exit. The team managed to get the car back on track for a finish after 112 laps; about 60 laps behind the leader.

Bob Mearns and Pat Aylward joined C-Note racing (Manfred Duske) to take stints at the wheel of Manfred's 240Z. Bob and Pat are normally found behind the wheel of PRO3 cars, so this was a bit of a departure from the norm. That's part of the fun of the Endurance Series: it gives racers a chance to try different cars and work with different teams to experience something new. Judging from the smiles and laughter coming from that paddock area, I do believe some good times were had by all!

Team FrankenBimmer debuted its own version of an enduro car. It is a winter project between long-time team members Dale Buening, Fred Wright, Scott Hieronymus, and Michael Olsen. There were plenty of rumors and speculation generated about this car and its potential during the off-season. Rather than confirm anything here in writing about this car, I think I'll let the rumors and speculation continue. The team performed very well for racing a new, untested car, taking a podium finish (third) in a class of seven cars.

Something new that was introduced this year in the endurance rules was the "Limited Class" entries. There were four classes, E1, E2, and E3 and Sportsracer. Now there are seven with the addition of the L1, L2, and L3 class designations. The limited class uses the same engine displacement benchmarks as before, but limits the amount of fuel that can be added at each pit stop, mandates a five-stop requirement, and limits the number of tires to change at each pit stop to one. The purpose of this new class rule is open up endurance racing to those teams and cars that do not have the big

fuel cell capacity or equipment to make them competitive in the 'E' classes. As evidence of the effectiveness of this class, where else will you find a 1986 E30 ETA beating out a tube-framed Corvette for 1st place? Nice work, Bloising Saddles! If I understand it correctly, Eric Blois and his team achieved a burn rate of better than five gallons per hour for the entire event, proving that speed is not always the best strategy in endurance racing. Staying on track and turning laps is the winning recipe.

And with that, our 2010 season is under a green flag and the track is now hot. April 24th is the sprint season opener in Portland and I don't think it can come quick enough!

I'll see you at the track.

Michael Olsen, Club member who drives the Spirit Halloween Superstores PRO3 car #130 in local ICSCC competition racing. rickshaw_racing@yahoo.com www.PRO3-racing.com











Something that makes you go "Hmmm..."

This is merely conjecture and I have absolutely no proof, it's just something that makes you go, "Hmmm..."

We all remember the Ford-Firestone tire fiasco with recalls of millions of vehicles. You may also remember the GM recalls in the 1980s when drivers of the Monte Carlo, the Grand Prix and the El Camino among other models lost the ability to steer their autos.

There have been recalls of all sorts: cruise control, fuel systems, lighting, air bag deployments and the list goes on and on.

In Toyota's recent case, the recall reality is less severe than the non-stop media coverage might lead you to believe. Toyota's Camry sells over 400,000 units

every year; millions of these cars are on the road. But the number of specific complaints involving the Camry (and other Toyota models) is a small fraction of this number. According to the National Motorist Association (March 11, 2010), accidents attributed to problems such as sticking gas pedals or unwanted acceleration number fewer than 100 serious injuries and less than twenty-five deaths.

I am not making light of this, since any fatality is a very serious issue. I am however questioning the coverage that has been applied to the situation.

In 2008 Toyota outsold GM for the first time in history. In 2009 the Federal Government took over GM. These are the facts. Now for the conjecture.

In some circles GM has come to stand for Government Motors. Now that GM and Toyota are direct rivals, it seems that Toyota's woes are on every front page, day after day, even though their sins are fairly rare in actual numbers.

Consider that General Motors has quietly announced a recall of over one million compact cars, as posted in a statement dated March, 2010 on the GM website. This recall affects the power

steering units in the Chevrolet Cobalt (2005-2010), Pontiac G5 (2007-2010), Pontiac Pursuit (Canada, 2005-2006) and Pontiac G4 (Mexico, 2005-2006).

All of the complaints for the 2009 Pontiac G5 indicated power steering issues that caused the steering to lock up, stopping the driver's ability to control the vehicle at intermittent and unpredictable times. (US Recall News, March 3, 2010). Have you heard of this recall? I hadn't until I started working on this article.

So how does this relate to BMW? It doesn't directly, but I am first and foremost a car freak, and BMW makes my freak flag fly. So I pay attention to all cars that are interesting or ground breaking or beautiful. I also pay attention to the automotive world around me and this issue got my attention.

Now am I saying there is some government conspiracy to smear Toyota because they are GM's number one rival? All I am saying it's something that makes you go "Hmmm..."

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Go to the Chapter website at www.bmwpugetsound.com then find the link for Member Info and then Special Interest Groups or email me at bmwdiesels@googlemail.com.

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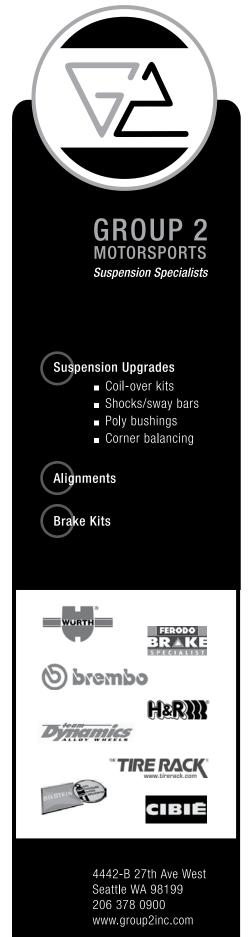
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