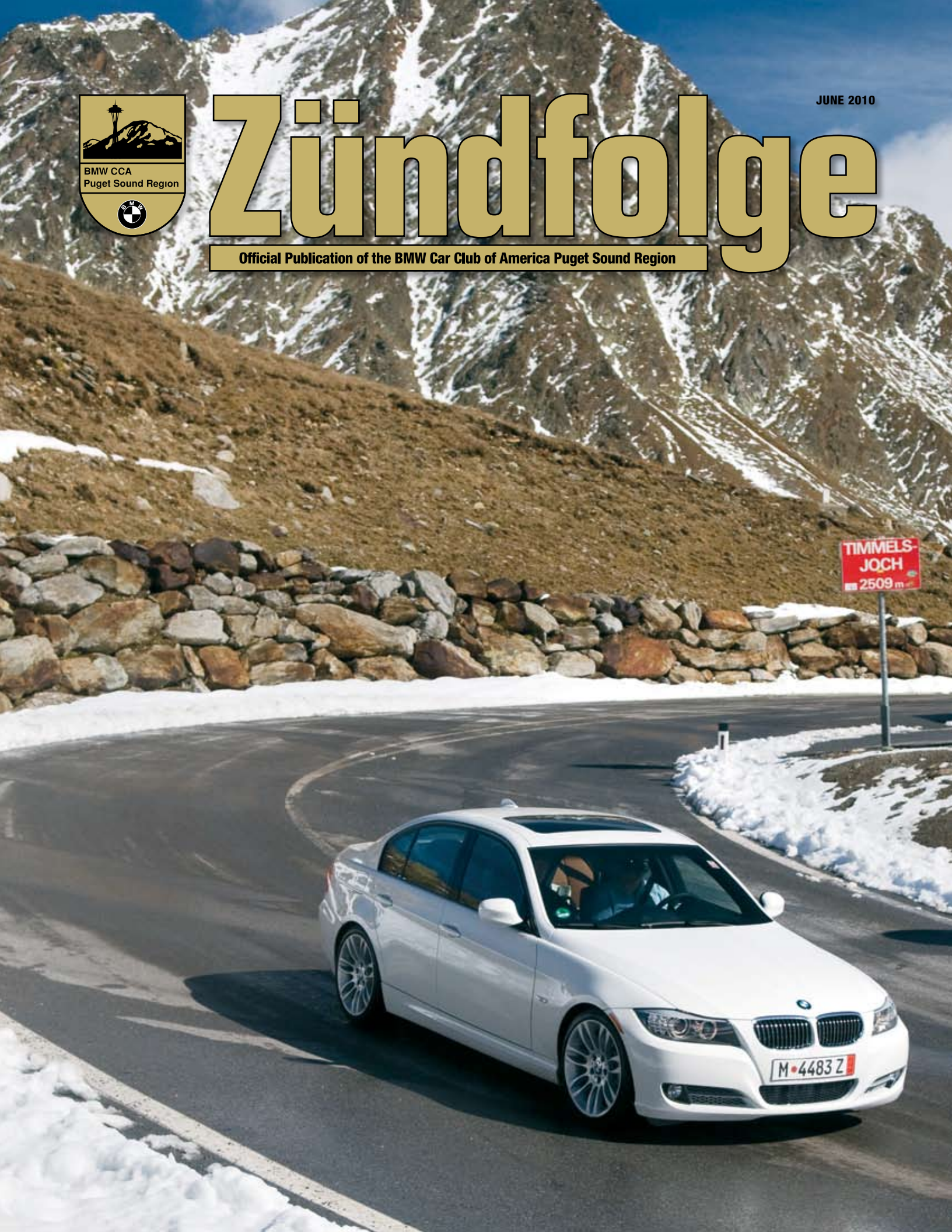




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May 27

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: all submissions must be received by this date. Send to the editor at lucettalightfoot@msn.com.

June 5

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

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.

June 19

Hurricane Ridge Tour: Join Club members on a tour to the beautiful Olympic Peninsula and Hurricane Ridge. Visit www.bmwpugetsound.com. For meeting time and location, you must send an RSVP to tours@bmwpugetsound.com.

June 17-20

Annie & Steve Norman Classic Car Rally: This is a Time-Speed-Distance (TSD) event. It is open to both Classic and Contemporary sporting cars (Contemporary 1977-2010). Help raise money for the nonprofit College Planning Network. Contact rallymaster Doug Breithaupt at 206-323-0624 or doug@collegeplan.org.

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.

June 26-27

E30 Picnic: See www.E30Picnic.com for details. Register at www.MotorsportReg.com.

June 29

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July 2-4

Historic Races at Pacific Raceways: See the article and registration form on page five.

July 3

Wenatchee Tour: see page four for details.

July 25

Concours d'Elegance: Cedar River Park. Email Michelle at wearthemillers@clearwire.net.

July 29

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

August 1

BMW Club Hospitality Tent: at ICSOC Car Tender Challenge, Pacific Raceways, Kent.

August 3

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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.

August 22

M-Car Day: at Griot's Garage in Tacoma.

September 17, 18 & 19

Sunriver Car Event: German cars are featured this year. More information to follow in future *Zündfolge* issues. Club contact is Lucetta Lightfoot at lucettalightfoot@msn.com.

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BMW Dyno Day and BBQ

June 5

AKA, gear-head get-together, bench-racing session with proof or just all-around good time with car show and food.

THE EVENT BEGINS at 10 a.m., Saturday June 5 at the Carb Connection, 13611 NE 126th Place ST 240 in Kirkland, WA (www.carbconn.com).

You're probably thinking about attending the Burgers & BMWs event June 6 at the XXX in Issaquah but really want to impress your friends with all that newfound horsepower you have. Well here's the ticket!

It's year six for the rubber meets the rollers event. This event is always good for flogging our Bimmers, getting a taste of reality and just having a great time. I'm thinking of several new M3s in the Club that would be nice to see run as well as some modded E36 and E46 M3s. Does anyone with a new 135/335/535/550 twin-turbo want to check out that new software upgrade? How about a new X5/X6?

Alex, John and the guys at the Carb Connection in Kirkland are hosting a dyno tech session for our Club at a discounted rate on Saturday, June 13. We will pay only \$75 (normally \$145) to run our cars on their brand new four-wheel-drive dyno. Make up to three runs and get a print out (\$10 to burn a CD) of your car's actual horsepower at the wheels as well as air-fuel ratio.

The Club will be providing the barbecue and refreshments around noon. There is plenty of parking on the backside of the building by the dyno room, so whether you're going to run your car or not join fellow gear-heads in having a great time.

RSVP to Jeff Butler at jeff@hauryscollision.com.

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E30 TECH SESSION

Join us for an afternoon nuts and bolts E30 Tech Session at Griot's Garage. They're graciously letting us use their R&D facility to get technical with the E30. We'll be covering topics in one-hour blocks.

Saturday, June 26; 1-4 p.m.

Griot's Garage

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E30 PICNIC

The E30 Picnic has evolved into the largest gathering of E30s on earth—we are planning on 200+. Extra E30 parts cluttering the garage? Bring the parts and sell them.

We are happy to be at the LeMay Museum's East Lawn, located in Spanaway. 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

www.LeMayMuseum.org

E30 Picnic Arrival

E30s will enter at the second gate to the Marymount Lawn (follow the signs). All others 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.

Tour the LeMay Museum

LeMay Museum is offering special discounted tours on Sunday to anyone interested. 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 pre-register for the E30 Picnic. Registration (\$12) 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 covering some of the costs for the event.

Lance Richert

E30 Picnic Chairman

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See the May Zündfolge for additional information.



ON THE COVER

This month's cover features the brand new 335d, diesel powered sedan. If you own a BMW diesel vehicle or want more information about the BMW diesel vehicles, join the diesel SIG. Information can be found on page eighteen.

Photo by BMW Press.



Wenatchee Tour

July 3

A SPECIAL INVITE to the Puget Sound Region CCA members! Come join the Inland Empire chapter in Wenatchee for the Chumstick Run. We will be meeting at Big Five Sporting Goods at 144 Easy street in Wenatchee; be there by 9 a.m. This will be a mixed event, combining a few hours of scenic driving in mountains, valleys and beautiful orchards with a no host lunch en route at Cashmere's Studebakers '50s diner. At the end of the driving leg we will make a visit to the Ohme Gardens, a must-see for all you garden buffs. You have never seen such an interesting and beautiful hillside garden as this, mark your calendars for fun, Independent Day weekend!

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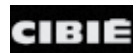
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Pacific Northwest Historics

July 2-4

THERE IS STILL SPACE for your BMW in the car corral at the 22nd Annual Pacific Northwest Historics held July 2 through July 4 at Pacific Raceways, in Kent, 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 go to the uncompensated care fund at Children's Hospital. There

will be approximately 250 pre-1970 vintage race cars 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 join in the BMW 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 between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. each day. Corral participants are invited to take part in a parade lap of the track during lunch each day. We will have a tent in the BMW corral for Club members to visit and 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 Registration Form and send it with a check and self-addressed, stamped #10 size envelope. If you have any questions, please contact Lucetta Lightfoot at lucettalightfoot@msn.com or 206-282-2641.

2010 Pacific Northwest Historics Registration July 3 or July 4 (choose one day only)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work (____) _____

Email _____

Year/Model/Color of BMW you will be driving _____

Volunteer at the BMW tent? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Saturday, July 3 at \$30 **OR** ☐ Sunday, July 4 at \$30 (*one day only*) \$ _____

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Concours d'Elegance and BMW Heritage Picnic

July 25

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Schedule

- 9:30 a.m.** Begin check in and parking of Judged and Display BMWs
- 11 a.m.** All Judged and Display BMWs checked in
- 11:30 a.m.** Judging begins, all hands off Judged BMWs
Activities for children
Griot's Garage detailing demonstrations
- 2-3 p.m.** Awards and door prizes (time approximate)

BMW Seattle



JOIN US FOR THE Annual Concours d'Elegance and Heritage Picnic at Cedar River Park in Renton. We are once again part of the Renton River Days Festival. Our big show, along with music, arts and crafts and other family activities, will be part of the many activities for the public to enjoy during Renton's annual festival. Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 25.

Come see the history and beauty that make up BMW's heritage. This event is very popular with 300-400 people in attendance and BMWs on display spanning seven decades. Help make this our biggest Concours to date by registering now. This is a special day for club members to come together and enjoy each other's company as well as display their BMWs at their very best.

Featured BMW: E39 M5

The featured BMW this year is the E39 M5. There will be a special class on the center lawn for the E39 M5s and they will have their own judged class trophies. Bring out your E39 M5 in whatever condition it is in. The more the merrier! Dozens of these fabulous cars are anticipated this year.

Classes

There will be two classes you can choose from for your BMW. A Judged class, with our famous etched glass trophies awarded to the winners. These will also be a non-competitive Display class to show off your car and participate in the festivities.

JUDGED CLASS

Want a trophy to line your shelf? Here is your chance. We judge only on cleanliness, and not on originality. The judging forms can be reviewed on the Club's web site. You must be a member of the BMW CCA, BMW ACA or Canadian BMW CCBC to participate in the judged classes.

Cars are judged in three major areas: Exterior, Interior (including trunk) and Engine Bay. The underside of the car is not judged. A three-member team whose independent results are then totaled to determine a score judges each class. This process is designed to be as fair and objective as possible. For class competition there are bonus points for mileage, which evens out the competition for high versus low mileage cars.

Taking the top BMW from each class, and lining them up for a final review by a three-judge team determines the Best in Show. Previous scores are not considered as the judges choose the cleanest, most dazzling BMW on the lawn.

DISPLAY CLASS

The Display Class is a terrific way to take part in the event for those who don't wish to compete but want to come and show off their car. Just wash it, clean the wheels, and you'll be good to go! You'll be parked with the judged cars in your class.

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Thanks to Our Sponsors!

Our event this year is once again being sponsored by a generous donation from BMW Seattle. Next time you are at the dealership, be sure to thank them. BMW Seattle is providing the beautiful glass trophies as well as raffle prizes! They will also be bringing out some of the newest BMW models for us to look over. Griot's Garage will also be in attendance as the official Car Care Sponsor of our event. Griot's Garage will be providing gifts for participants, raffle prizes, and will have representatives on hand demonstrating how to use their products. Griot's Garage will present a special Preservation Award for the BMW that is best preserved without a restoration.

Children's Activities

We will have a special tent with activities for kids including coloring, and pony rides will be near by. Renton River Days will have many other activities for kids nearby.

Volunteers Needed!

This event requires many volunteers to spend part of the day helping make the event a success. We need people to help judge cars, help with check in, coordinate parking the cars, helping in the children's tent, etc. If you would like to help, contact event chair Michelle Miller at wearethemillers@clearwire.net or 253-334-9948.

Registration and Costs

Costs are the same as last year; see the registration form for specifics. It is our way of saying thanks to them for making the extra effort of coming down. Register early to secure your spot!

Registration will be available online at www.motorsportsreg.com. Look on our website for direct links. Go to www.bmwpugetsound.com or you can mail in the registration form from this issue of the *Zündfolge*.

Michelle Miller

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Cedar River Park Just East of I-405 in Renton 1717 Maple Valley Highway & House Way

DIRECTIONS:

From I-405 South: Take Exit 4 (Maple Valley exit). This takes you onto Sunset Boulevard NE. Go left at the second signal light (this is Maple Valley Road, Highway 169). Get into the right lane, travel a short distance, and turn right into Cedar River Park.

From I-405 North: Take Exit 4A (Renton/Maple Valley exit). Turn right at the end of the exit onto Highway 169, Maple Valley Highway. Get into the right lane, travel a short distance, and turn right into Cedar River Park.

2010 BMW Club Concours d'Elegance Classes

Class #	Class	Models	Years
01 Display Only	Pre-War	All	1928-1941
	Post-War	501,502,503,507,3200CS	1952-1965
	Old Range	Isetta, 600, 700	1955-1965
02	Vintage Cars	1502, 1602, 1802, 2002	1966-1976
		1500, 1600, 1800, 2000	1962-1972
		E3 2500,2800,Bavaria	1968-1977
		E9 2000CS, 2800CS, 3.0CS	1965-1975
03	Early 3 Series	E21 3 Series	1977-1983
		E30 3 Series	1983-1991
04	Early Big Cars	E12 5 Series	1972-1981
		E28 5 Series	1982-1988
		E26 M1	1978-1981
		E23 7 Series	1977-1987
		E24 6 Series	1976-1989
05	Modern 3 Series	E36 3 Series	1992-1999
06	Modern Big Cars	E34 5 Series	1989-1996
		E32 7 Series	1988-1994
		E31 8 Series	1990-1997
		E39 5 Series	1997-2003
		E38 7 Series	1997-2001
07	Recent Small Cars	E46 3 Series	1999-2005
		E83 X3	2004-current
		E90-93 3 Series	2005-current
		E82 E88 1 series	2008-current
08	Recent Big Cars	E60 5 Series	2003-2010
		E65 7 Series	2002-2007
		E53 X5	2004-2007
		E63-E64 6 Series	2005-current
		E70 X5	2007-current
		F01 7 Series	2008-current
		E71 X6	2008-current
		F07 F10 5 Series	2009-current
09	Z Cars	Z3, Z4, Z8 roadsters and coupes	1995-current
10 Featured Car	E39 M5	E 39 M5	2000-2003
11 Display Only	Mini		2002-current
12 Display Only	Racecars		All
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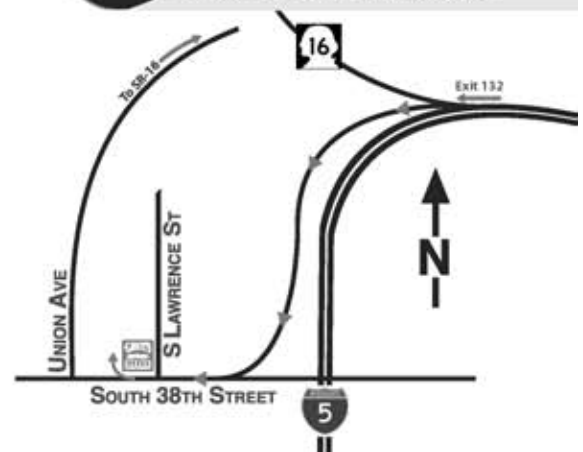
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Griot's New Garage Event Re-cap

RICHARD GRIOT has a new garage, and it's a beauty. Well over 100 of our Club members and guests were the first to visit the new Griot's Garage in Tacoma.

As usual Griot's hospitality was fantastic. The new facility is to die for. The retail store looks like a clothing and jewelry boutique rather than a car guy's store.

The morning started out as a meet and greet social, with coffee and donuts provided by Griot's Garage. Richard Griot welcomed the attendees and gave a verbal overview of his 20-year dream in the making. Following Richard's welcome, Griot's personnel gave tours of the new facility and Griot's Car Care staff gave demonstrations of their car care techniques and products on a new but very dirty 5-series sedan. All demonstration products were available to purchase with a 15% discount in their new retail store during the event.

The new facility is very close to completion with just a few areas requiring some finishing touches. When completed, there will be a grass field to display approximately forty cars, a covered barbecue area, a display room featuring some of Richard Griot's collectables, the Car Care School bay, the aforementioned Retail Store and plenty of parking for any event. One great feature of the Car Care School is it's free. Should you have a question on what product to

use or what technique to use, you can bring your ride right into a covered bay and the Griot's staff will show you the correct product or technique. The school is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday is also available but with so many car club events held at Griot's on Saturdays there may not be a bay open. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Retail Store hours are the same as the Car Care School.

This meeting had the highest number of Club attendees at a Griot's event. Many of the attendees were making this their first Club event. We hope to see our new members at many more Club activities.

The next Club event at Griot's Garage will be the E30 Tech Day on Saturday, June 26.

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Rothmans Porsche 962C driven by Jacky Ickx and Jochen Mass, who set the LeMans lap record in 1986.



An F1 Ferrari 312T (1975) driven by Niki Lauda.

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Car Care School.



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Board members Rich Milham and Mike Ellis (seated) posing with the Ford tractor in the retail store at Griot's Garage.

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Club members enjoying coffee and donuts in the 1950's themed cafe with a very cool kitchen!

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Club members had a chance to visit.

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GRIOT'S GARAGE



Many Club members took advantage of the generous 15% discount off purchases for the day.

Photo by Mike Ellis.

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How to Get Started

Club members often ask me how to get started in our track events. We try to make it easy so that more members will take advantage of this opportunity.

Here's how you do it:

- First, you need to be a member of BMW CCA. If you're reading *Zündfolge*, presumably you are.
- Second, if you have never participated in any of these events, you need to go through a Car Control Clinic (CCC) before going to a High Performance Driving School (HPDS).
- Third, sign up for an upcoming CCC on www.MotorsportsReg.com. You will need to set up an account there.
- Fourth, get a tech inspection done on your vehicle. There is a form on the Club website. Over on the left side of the home page click on Driving Schools and then click on High Performance Driving Schools. Any number of *Zündfolge* advertisers will do the inspection for a nominal cost.
- Finally, show up the day of the event by 7:30 a.m.

If you have already been through a CCC, the next step is to sign up for a HPDS. With the CCCs you can drive a convertible and you will not need a helmet. For the HPDS you will need a helmet (we do have loaners) and convertibles are not permitted. And if you own a convertible and want to do a HPDS, what should you do? I would remind you that there is a reason God invented rental cars. LOL. And take the insurance option. Speaking of insurance.

How to Keep Going

Usually, keeping at this hobby is about as easy as staying on dope, but the insurance issue has been a bit of a problem. Most individual auto policies now exclude track events. Check your policy: most have some language excluding claims due to damage at high performance driving schools or events held on a racing surface or at a racetrack facility.

Luckily, we now have an alternative. Lockton Risk Services is offering a High Performance Driving Event policy on a

per-event basis. This allows you to sign up for coverage for the day of the event and not put your normal policy at risk. I mentioned this in my column last month, but now it's even better because BMW CCA has arranged a nine percent discount for BMW CCA members at BMW CCA events. That's us! For information on this policy, visit www.HPDEIns.locktonaffinity.com or call them at 866-582-4957. You can also sign up for the coverage on www.MotorsportsReg.com, the site that handles all our track event registration. There is a button to click on to add insurance for the event you are registering.

The policy has been marketed as if it is an "agreed value" policy, which it isn't. The insured (that's you) state the value you think your car is worth. But Lockton won't pay whatever you say; they'll pay what the market value is. So, they are going to start marketing the policy as "stated value." One of our chapter members was instrumental in working with Lockton on this and the company is going to change their marketing. In any case, this is a great alternative to cover your car if your regular policy won't cover track events.

Rick Gulstrom

*Driving Events Coordinator
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2010 Driving Events Calendar

BMW CCA PSR Events

- June**
24 Driving School & Car Control Clinic at PR
- August**
12 Driving School & Car Control Clinic at PR
- September**
16 Driving School & Car Control Clinic at PR

Other Events Open to CCA Drivers

- 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

September

- 1** ALFA School at Pacific Raceways
3 PCA School at Pacific Raceways
3 BSCC Lapping Day in Bremerton
4 PCA Skills Day in Bremerton
23 ALFA Lapping Day in Bremerton
26 BMW CCBC Driver's Challenge at Pitt Meadows
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WITH THE FIRST ENDURANCE RACE behind us, our collective attentions were then directed to the end of April and beginning of May. The 2010 ICSCC regular points season was about to start and you could sense the pent-up racing eagerness through the emails and online forum postings. Excitement was building as fast as the entries. You can visit www.motorsportreg.com to see who has entered (and who has not). It is a whole new ballgame this year with everyone starting equal to his grid neighbor: zero points earned!

The first race of the season, the Rose City Opener, in Portland on April 25 held a few surprises; good and bad. Group 1 (PRO3, ST, SPO, SPM, SPU) was rightfully chastised at the Sunday morning drivers' meeting by Race Steward Bill Spornitz due to a significant number of "passing under yellow flag" calls along with errant driving through the yellow flag incident. I'm pretty sure that every driver in the crowd felt properly

whipped with the switch from the backyard willow tree after that meeting! Chalk it up to the first race; a new season; bad judgment; whatever, but the drivers were wrong, and we took our licks.

The Group 1 race was the final race of the day. Weather was perfect, about 70 degrees, partly cloudy, and a fast track. With nineteen PRO3 cars taking the green flag, this would not be an easy race for anyone. It wasn't our largest grid, but it was the largest grid for the first race of the year (compared to eleven PRO3 cars at the same event in 2009). Everyone played nice getting through the first turn and the cars sorted out as the race progressed. There were no full course yellows and very few local yellows for that matter.

An oddity occurred during the race for many of us. Our race lap times were lower than our qualifying lap times from earlier in the day. It was very curious because typically, the cars are faster when the air is cool as is the track. By afternoon, the outside temps were higher and the track had seen lots of action with

five race groups abusing the asphalt ahead of us. I figure that has more to do with getting the cobwebs out of car and driver than anything else!

The finishing order was not as it seemed on track, however. In the category of "the race isn't finished at the checkers, it's finished at the scales" Caelin Gabriel had the misfortune of underestimating the amount of fuel to have in reserve at the end of the race and weighed in at four pounds lighter than the class minimum of 2,650 lbs and was disqualified for being under weight. That's just over a half a gallon of gas. Ouch.

The top five for the first race rounded out this way: Jeff Vanlierop, Michael Olsen, David Beagle, Michael Shulman and Fred Wright.

With the first race of the season out of the way, we had a quick turn-around for the cars to get ready for Seattle the following weekend. That was a bigger task for some of us than others! I for one had to locate a replacement transmission and install it. Installing a

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transmission isn't a big deal, but finding a decent replacement apparently is.

The Seattle grid was growing—rapidly! By the green flag on Sunday, there were twenty-nine PRO3 cars in Group 1. Qualifying on Sunday proved to be very busy (but dry) with a full grid of fifty cars. Qualifying times were falling like shares of Lehman Brothers and everyone was finding the new black ribbon of love through turns one and two. That new pavement and its welcome traction would prove very helpful during the race.

It should be noted that Group 1 received the Steward's message from Portland LOUD AND CLEAR. The drivers' meeting was a stark contrast to the Portland meeting where Steward Bill expressed his gratitude for the turn-about behavior in Group 1 that morning for a local yellow condition. Nice work guys.

This was the "Military Salute Grand Prix" event where IRDC invited the Color Guard from Fort Lewis to display the flags prior to the start of racing. It is always a proud moment to stand before our men and women in uniform to show them that we stand with them; we support them and appreciate their efforts protecting us.

Everything was a 'go' for green flag racing by later afternoon with everyone ready for some great racing action! Too bad the weather didn't cooperate. It was

the worst case scenario, and typical of Seattle. A drizzle. Not a rain. Not dry. But a drizzle. There was no clear cut answer to the tire choice question. In my paddock alone, we had three "smart phones" (but not smart enough to predict the weather apparently!) attempting to learn what the forthcoming weather held for our thirty minute race. Some racers chose a shaved, dry tire. Others, such as me, chose a wet or full-tread tire. Half the grid gambled that it would let up; the other half gambled it would open up and downpour. About half way through the race, my treaded tires were screaming at me for mercy trying to hold onto the dry line around turns 2 and 3. Oh well, that's how it goes in racing in the Northwest, right?

Those racers with dry tires or those running the R888s had an advantage over those of us on the venerable RA1s with full tread. Thankfully, there were no major incidents on track in the early slick conditions and for the most part, racing was fast, clean, and fun! There were many position changes throughout the PRO3 race which made for a great race to watch from the stands (or so I'm told). Andrew Newell gets the award for "Top Driver"—he had the Pole position in PRO3, but arrived at pregrid late due to a failure of his wipers that needed sorting out. From the absolute back of

the pack, Andrew worked his way up to the front to regain his position at the lead. It's also my understanding that he may have set a new track record for a race time in PRO3 with a 1:38.574 (he qualified with a record 1:38.498 as well). That's a huge accomplishment in those track conditions and he is very deserving of his P1 finish. Great driving Andrew!

Dan Gavrilu made a good showing as well. He worked his way through traffic early to gain some distance on the rest of us and held the lead until Newell came through. Good on ya, Dan for taking P2! That's not an easy accomplishment in Seattle in a large PRO3 grid. The top five then were: Andrew Newell, Dan Gavrilu, Peter Jenkin, Michael Olsen and Jeff Vanlierop.

All in all, it has been a very good start to what could prove to be a very fun season to watch PRO3. There are more cars and some new drivers. Keep an eye out here for more updates. If you have the chance, I encourage you to come out and watch or better yet, come out and work a turn! There's no better way to get closer to the action!

I'll see you at the track.

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Dave Cook is taking a break from his column this month to share a letter by a fellow Club member responding to one of Dave's recent columns.

IN HIS MARCH 2010 column "Liv2Drive," Dave Cook expressed his opinion on how he would rather have a human assemble his automobile rather than robots. I want to take the opposite position.

I grew up in the Automobile Industry as has most of my family. My parents met while working at Ford Motor Company's Rouge Plant in Dearborn, Michigan. I worked at Ford during and after college. One of my brothers worked at Ford, and for Ford suppliers. My grandfathers on both sides of my family retired from Ford. I have a cousin who works for a Ford supplier in Japan. I have also worked professionally in many automotive factories of Ford, GM, Chrysler and their suppliers.

From my perspective there is nothing better than a robot, or automaton, performing the same operation time and time again. Humans can get repetitive tasks wrong all the time, plus they are exposed to chemicals, noise, and physical hazards of handling raw steel and heat from molten steel in foundries and suffer repetitive stress injuries such as tendonitis and carpal tunnel syndrome. I worked on the line at the Dearborn Stamping Plant one college summer. I

have the scars to prove it. Automation takes away the monotony and danger from repetitive dangerous operations from people. Robots don't bleed or get sparks in their eyes. And, in many cases, robots are much more precise at performing repetitive tasks that require minute precision time and time again.

One of the first auto companies to use robots extensively was Chrysler in its famous K-car line-up which saved Chrysler from oblivion in the early 1980s. GM followed suit when Roger Smith built new factories to build a variety of front-wheel drive models. Other automakers around the world followed, and all now use automation in some fashion to do the dangerous and mundane work of fabrication body stampings and assembling and welding those stampings into bodies.

The workers who used to do the metal handing and welding now do more precise and skilled work a robot can't do. Yet.

A robot does the same job exactly the same way each and every time. It does so in a controlled, monitored and recorded fashion. At BMW lasers and cameras measure each and every weld, seam, and bond to make sure it is correct. For critical components such as body crumple zones and safety cages, this is critical.

A robot torques the bolt, nut, screw, in exactly the same way each and every time. Thousands of times a day. The seam or spot is welded at exactly the right amperage for the right length of time and at the exact right spot each and every time. It applies the precise amount of seam bonding materials in precise way each and every time. There is no way a human can do that!

Robots also apply most of the coatings on cars. Robots dip the chassis into several baths to clean and prepare the surface. Then they apply the surface coatings to the car. In the old days people did this. If they were lucky, they wore respirators so they wouldn't inhale the toxic paint solvent vapors. They may have worn special protective clothing mainly to keep their body and street dirt off the car's wet finish. Robots dutifully do the job while the human does the critical inspection and surface polishing after the car exits the drying ovens and cools.

Now, we are not talking about something like an airplane. Airplanes do not roll off the assembly line at a rate of one per minute like an automobile. An airplane has thousands more fasteners and electrical connectors than a car. The tolerances are much tighter as required by government safety standards. Fastener torques and electrical connections and seals are checked and double checked and documented. A machine can't get into places I have seen Boeing mechanics access. A robot can't crawl into a wing fuel tank or the inner bowels of the empanage, or completely disassemble the flight deck, and put it back together. Yet.

A human can do certain things better and more accurately than a robot, but when it comes to tasks requiring precision over and over and over again—or danger—a robot is the way to go.

I would much rather have a robot build some parts of my car. The robot does the same thing each time and takes out the variability of humans. Of course there are procedures humans can do better than machines, that fall into the "skill of the trade" category. But for many things, I will let a robot do the job.

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Although going fast in a straight line seems easy, past experience has shown that most of the BMW faithful need practice before we can achieve respectable ETs as drag racing proves to be harder than it looks. By the end of the night we should turn in some decent times. The trick is to leave on the last yellow light.

The mix of cars keeps getting better each year: let's make this year no exception. What will you bring?

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It's a great time to get together with the 2011 335d being available for the first time this month as soon as the CARB approves the emissions!

Rob Barnett



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1995 M3 Coupe: arctic silver on black leather, automatic with sport mode, luxury interior package, 135,000 miles, power/heated seats, working sunroof, no rust, chipped, OBD1, K&N filter, new Yokohama tires, extra parts, adult owned and maintained at Strictly BMW, clear WA title, service records, \$8,300 obo. Contact Nick at 425-770-0616 to arrange a test drive.

1991 M5: Two owner garage queen with 59,700 original miles. Car sold new in Texas where it remained until I brought it to Oregon in 2005. Always garaged, no accidents. 100% stock with a clean CARFAX. Dealer pre-purchase inspection was done in 2005, including excellent compression test. Recent major service included all new fuel lines and coolant hoses. Interior is pristine with no cracks or visible wear. Body is excellent but with rock chips. BMW CD dealer-installed changer in trunk. \$16,950. Email James at jdumas@q.com or call 503-548-6135 or 503-281-2811.

1970 2002ti: Colorado with black interior. VIN 1689631. This car has 77,500 miles and a verifiable history. In 2002 the front fenders and rocker panels were replaced. The car was then repainted. At this time all molding was replaced: doors, windows, and trunk. There is no structural rust. The engine is completely original right down to the Solex PHH carbs and runs very strong. The drivetrain is solid throughout. Suspension changes: Bilstein sport shocks, H&R springs and sway bars. The interior is original and in very good condition. All exterior trim and bumpers are original and in excellent condition. This is a rare, beautiful Club Concours winning automobile. \$23,000. Contact Dennis at 360-568-8808 or vlasichogan@verizon.net.

Parts For Sale

Four Dunlop SP Sport 8080 tires from my E39 M5: two 275/35x18 rears (5/32" tread), two 245/40x18 fronts (7/32" tread). Unidirectional, Z rated, no damage, punctures or repairs, even wear. Should help you get through the summer! \$100 obo. Contact Dave Wilder at 360-299-0516 or davidwilder3@gmail.com.

17" Sport Wheels/tires: Set of four (4) 17" BMW OEM Cross Spoke Composite II Style #42 complete with Dunlop tires. The wheels are from my 2003 530i Sport that has only 43K miles on it. The Dunlop tires 235/45-17 have about 65% tread left on them. The wheels are in overall great condition (straight and true) although I made contact with a curb recently so one of the wheels has rash from that incident. Will fit any E39 1997-2003. \$1,000 OBO. Email Rich at rtawrel@yahoo.com.

Wheels: Four Revolution RMX track wheels, 16 by 8 inch, 120 mm bolt circle, 5 lug, 38 mm offset. Presently mounted with used-up Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 225/50ZR16. \$500. Call Rick Pirret at 425-577-4951 or email rpirret@verizon.net.

E36 parts: ZKW ellipsoidal headlight set NIB \$300. Autolamps Online H1/D2S HID kit with Phillips lamps and ballast NIB \$300. Eastern Motorwerks VDO gauge kit with sunglass holder panel, senders, JTD distribution block and custom wiring harness NIB \$250. JT Design aluminum underpanel NIB \$100. JT Design front strut brace NIB \$350. Eibach E36 M3 sway bar kit NIB \$240. Scheel sport seats with black fabric unused \$350. Covercraft NOAH car cover \$50. Contact Bill at bmar@uw.edu or 206-685-3771.

Three series wheels with Blizzak tires: four genuine BMW 7 spoke wheels 7J x 16 with Bridgestone 205/55 winter tires driven one season, tread depth 11/32"-12/32". Don't know which models these will fit, but you probably do! Wheel stampings: 7J x 16 H2, IS 47, BMW 1 094 498, K5, KAG, BM 316007. Call/email for pictures. \$400 obo. Contact Dave Wilder at 360-299-0516 or davidwilder3@gmail.com.

Seats: Black leatherette manual pole position sport bucket seats. In new condition, except one scuff on drivers bolster. Photos available. \$375. Call Jon Ackermann at 425-829-4175 or email ccoloradesign@aol.com.

Miscellaneous

Puget Sound Region Club logo merchandise for sale: You can find the BMW CCA Puget Sound Region logo embroidered on a variety of clothing, bags, and sports gear at www.bmwpugetsound.webstore.us.com. There are also a limited amount of long sleeve and short sleeve white T-shirts with the silk screened logo available through Lynne Eskil. Just a handful of grey sweatshirts are also available. Email Lynne at lynne.d.eskil@boeing.com for details and pricing information.

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