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Club members are encouraged to submit articles for publication.

October 30

Board Meeting: starting time is 6:45 p.m.

All members are welcome to attend. Contact the Club President to RSVP and for meeting location.

November 1

2009 PRO3 Calendar Release Party: at Speedware Motorsports in Redmond. See the article in this *Zündfolge* for more information.

November 8

Dennison International: Coffee, refreshments, and world-class cars provided by Butch Dennison and crew. Come see how a Pebble Beach best-of-show winner is created. See the article in this issue.

November 19

Board Meeting: starting time is 6:45 p.m.

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November 25

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issue: all submissions must be received by this date. They may be sent to the *Zündfolge* Editor at lucettalightfoot@msn.com.

December 17

Board Meeting: starting time is 6:45 p.m.

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January 6

Deadline for the February 2009 Zünd-

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January 31, 2009

Save the date for the BMW CCA Puget

Sound Region's Annual Club Banquet:

it will be held in Bellevue. For more details contact de-Anna Martin or see the article in this *Zündfolge* issue.

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PRO3 2009 Calendar Release Party November 1

JOIN US at Speedware Motorsports in Redmond on November 1 at 11 a.m. to celebrate the release of the 2009 PRO3 calendar. This year, money raised from calendar sales will benefit the activities of the BMW CCA Foundation. We're upping our print order from 150 in 2008 to 1,000 copies in 2009 and will be peddling them nationwide!

For those in attendance that day—have fun by getting your own 2009 PRO3 calendar signed by the PRO3 drivers in attendance! We'll be having an informal lunch at Speedware and enjoy some in-car videos on the big screen from some of the best PRO3

racing action. This will include the frenetic "inverted start" at the Special August race at Pacific Raceways. Ever seen six-wide into Turn 2?

There will be some great raffle prizes provided by Speedware and Griot's Garage. Speedware will also have some great promotional specials to get you started on your holiday shopping!

Please bring an extra \$5 cash to help cover the cost of lunch. For planning purposes, RSVP to Lance@Richertnet.com.

Lance Richert, '88 M3

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Photo by Curtis Creager.

2009 BMW PRO3 Calendar on Sale

The third Annual BMW PRO3 racing calendar is available for sale starting November 1. This year we have a new lower price of \$9.95 plus postage. This high quality calendar features PRO3 images captured through the lens of local photographer Curtis Creager. Curtis followed the PRO3 circus as they raced at tracks in Seattle, Portland, Spokane and Mission, BC. Special thanks to Club member Matt Ferbach who designed the calendar. For those who own the 2008 calendar, this one is ten times better! The proceeds from the calendar will benefit the BMW CCA Foundation. You can purchase your calendar from Speedware Motorsports in Redmond, or order on-line at www.SpeedwareMotorsports.com. A special thanks to Speedware Motorsports for serving as our sole distributor of the PRO3 calendar. They are receiving no compensation for their efforts, which allows more money to go to the BMW CCA Foundation.

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This fast Ferrari is a Dennison project.



This Ferrari owned by Bruce McCaw was restored by Dennison International.



The Best of Show Alfa owned by Jon Shirley is shown with the Pebble Beach trophy.

ON SATURDAY, November 8, the Club will be taking one of our periodic trips to automotive nirvana. In this case, we'll be visiting the restoration shop of Dennison International, one of the world's best classic car restorers. Dennison restored Jon Shirley's 1938 Alfa 2900B, which went on to win Best of Show at the 2008 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. In the same show, the Romulus ERA prepared by Dennison won Best of Class.

Butch Dennison and fourteen other employees work in a 14,000 square foot shop in Puyallup. With the resources at their disposal, the experienced and talented team can do everything except paint and chrome, which they subcontract out. We will see all the areas of the shop and their current projects.

Our visit will be hosted by Butch Dennison himself. We'll have a chance to see the fabrication shop, the engine shop with in-ground dyno and the assembly shop, among the other work areas.

Butch and his crew are usually consulted before a client purchases a car. At this level in the car hobby,

there usually is a restoration strategy before the purchase.

Current works-in-progress can be viewed and Butch will explain what is going on. These projects include a 1934 Bugatti Type 59, a 1981 BBLM 512 Ferrari, a 1959 Ferrari California spyder and a 1997 Schumacher F1 Ferrari.

Dennison International will be supplying coffee and refreshments. The meeting time is from 10 a.m. until noon. An RSVP will be appreciated and help with planning.

Dennison International is located in Puyallup at 11203 Benston Dr. E., Puyallup, WA.

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Banquet Logistics

January 31, 2009

Date and Time

The banquet will be held on January 31, 2009, Saturday night. The schedule is:

SCHEDULE

5:30	Doors Open/Raffle Auction Begins (new format) Social Mingling
6:30	Raffle Auction Ends
6:45	Dinner
7:10	Announcements
7:35	Live Auction
8:30	Program
9:30	We're Done

Place

Our host for the banquet will be the Bellevue Downtown Courtyard by Marriott 11010 NE 8th Street, Bellevue, WA 98004. The location is just off I-405 in downtown Bellevue. From I-405 take NE 8th St (West) exit toward

Bellevue Square. Stay to the right and turn right onto 110th Ave NE. The hotel is on the corner of NE 8th and 110th Ave NE. There is ample free, covered parking in the Bellevue Downtown Courtyard Marriott building. The banquet will be held in the Ballroom on the main floor. We are the exclusive event at the hotel that night. (<http://cwp.marriott.com/bvudt/bmwcarclub>)

Dinners and Souvenir

This year we have another commemorative glass. The dinner choices include Pan seared salmon with tarragon shallot sauce, Flat-iron steak with Maytag blue fonduta. The vegetarian option will be spinach and tomato stuffed portobello mushroom. All meals include

a mixed green salad with dried cranberries, feta and candied pecans. Along with each entrée is a vegetable and potato/rice, dinner rolls with butter, dessert, and coffee service. Alcoholic beverages, including wine, are available at the no-host bar. Dinner price is \$60 per person if postmarked by 1/7/09 and \$80 per person if postmarked after 1/7/09. Despite the very reasonable price, this is not a buffet. This is for table service. I've accounted for everyone's comfort and this year and we have a limit on attendance of 225.

Thinking of staying the night?

We've secured a discounted rate for you. How's a nightly rate of \$109 plus \$10 for overnight parking and applicable taxes. This rate has

been secured for Friday 1/30/09 and Saturday 1/31/09. Now that's a steal for a hotel in downtown Bellevue. To make the reservation for this discounted price please call 1-800-716-5874 and reference: *BMW Car Club Room Block*. Five rooms have been blocked for Friday and ten for Saturday. If the block fills, the hotel has graciously agreed to extend the rate pending hotel availability. If you know you want to spend the night, please make the reservation by 1/7/09.

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We're extending a special invitation to the members of the BMW Clubs in Portland, Spokane and Vancouver, B.C.

as well as the Porsche Club. We encourage the various clubs and special interest groups to attend. Get a group of ten together and you will have a whole table for the evening. Please designate a person to save the table for you, as this year we're making it first come first serve for the best seats in the house.

Also see the Club website for online registration.

2009 Annual Banquet Mail-in Registration Form

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Raffle Auction

This year we've changed the format and will have raffle tickets for sale; place the tickets in the bucket and the more you submit the greater your chance of winning. We'll still have the live auction. More details on the raffle auction format will be in the January *Zündfolge* issue. This


was changed to reduce the long check-out lines at the end of the evening.

A Final Word

It's no overstatement to say this will be a unique event with some "edge of your seat stories" from Chip Hanauer. You should be a part of it! Register now and set the date aside. We're going to have a great time.

The final deadline for all registrations is receipt by January 22, 2009. We cannot accommodate walk-ins or registration during the last week before the event. If you have questions, please contact de-Anna Martin at deMartin@pc-resource.com or 206-274-5274.

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Banquet Speaker: Chip Hanauer

OUR SPEAKER FOR THIS YEAR'S BANQUET will be local hydroplane hero, Chip Hanauer. Now retired from racing, he was one of the two most successful hydroplane racers of all time. The other being Bill Muncey, Hanauer's mentor.

Chip Hanauer was born on July 1, 1954 in Seattle. He was always in love with racing. His childhood hero was Jim Clark because Clark represented a great contrast. Off the track, Clark was a gentleman and a farmer from Scotland. But he also excelled in the aggressive sport of auto racing at the highest level. Hanauer probably would have pursued auto racing had he been born elsewhere, but growing up in Seattle meant the biggest show in town was hydroplane racing.



He raced his first small hydroplane when only nine years old. He started investing the money earned on his paper route and in his first full year of competition came in fifth nationally in his age class.

In 1976, at only 22, he got his first shot at driving an unlimited class hydro. In 1979 he scored his first unlimited class win in the Miss Squire Shop. In 1982, he scored his first Gold Cup win in Detroit. It was the start of a string of seven straight wins, unprecedented in the sport.

He changed teams, racing for the Atlas Van Lines Team, then the Miller Team and later Miss Circus Circus.

In 1991, he left boat racing to try his hand at auto racing with Toyota. He even won a race in Portland. He also drove a Porsche 962 at Daytona with Team Seattle in their early years.

Wherever he went he won. Besides seven straight Gold Cups, he won multiple American Power Boat Association unlimited championships.

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But Chip was lured back to the sport by the late Bernie Little, owner of the Miss Budweiser Team, in 1992. He was immediately back to his winning ways, recording another Gold Cup win and setting the all-time record of seven race wins in one season. In 1993 he won yet another Gold Cup and World Championship.

Chip Hanauer's presentation to us will be titled, "Lessons from a Dangerous Life." Chip suffered many serious injuries from crashes while racing hydroplanes. He often drove with great pain and always knew he was in a potentially dangerous situation while in the boat.

Chip retired with 61 unlimited victories, one short of the all-time record holder, Bill Muncey, who had 62.

Chip has a degree from WSU in Special Education. He now spends time helping emotionally handicapped kids. He also does work for a number of charities that are important to him. Chip does a lot of corporate speaking engagements, working on motivation and teamwork.

In a world of self-absorbed athletes, Chip Hanauer has always made time for his fans and for those less fortunate. Come to our 2009 Annual Banquet and Auction and meet this hometown hero.



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OUR 2008 MOTORSPORTS YEAR has come to a close. Our last event was September 25 and it was another success. Both the Car Control Clinic and the High Performance Driving School were full or close to full. We had a fun and successful year.

So now it is time for the folks that put these track events together to work on some winter projects so that our 2009 events are better than ever. Here is a sneak peek at some of the things we will be working on.

The Car Control Clinics at Pacific Raceway have been a big hit. We will continue to hold these concurrently with every High Performance Driving School at PR. There are no plans to return to Bremerton Raceway in 2009. Participants were particularly thrilled by the chance to drive the big track at slow speed. This provided a preview of the next step up the ladder of high performance driving. Several Club members took advantage and moved up.

We are working on fine-tuning the Car Control Clinic

curriculum to make it even more satisfying for participants. People were very happy this year but there is room for improvement.

We started using online registration this year with MotorsportsReg.com. We will be evaluating this over the winter but it looks like we'll continue to use it.

We are offering reciprocal rights to the Puget Sound Mini Club. This allows their members to participate in our Club events. Over the winter, we'll be doing a ground school of some sort for the Mini owners to encourage their participation. We already have a lot of dual members and typically have eight to ten Minis at our track events.

We would like to try and have a remote event in 2009 but getting track dates is a challenge. We are trying, so we'll see.

Prices for all driving events will be higher next year. Sorry, but isn't this the way of the world? Expect Car Control Clinics to be \$125 and High Performance Driving days to be \$250. These

events are budgeted to break even over the year. All costs are rising. They include track rental, insurance, tow trucks, EMTs, food, homeland security, September 11, etc. Just kidding about the last two but they seem like handy excuses for most anything.

While prices for our favorite sport continue to rise,

I'm just happy we can still do this. There may come a day when costs, liability, track availability and other factors preclude track events. So in the meantime, let's continue to enjoy our BMWs in the manner that Munich intended. At speed!

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2008 Driving Events Calendar

Other Events Open to CCA Drivers

November

2 PCA Skills Day in Bremerton

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The agencies we supported through 2007 are as follows:

- The beneficiary of the annual dinner and auction, *The Medic One Foundation*, to fund training for first responders.
- Turn workers donated their time at driving schools to secure funding for the Team Seattle Guild at Seattle's Children's Hospital for the *Kami R. Sutton Cardiac Intensive Care Unit*.
- The summer Concours at Renton's Cedar River Park inspires us to give to the *Renton Lions Club* for their commitment to youth activities.
- The XXX Drive-In in Issaquah is the venue for our extremely successful E30 Picnic, so we give funding to *Life Enrichment Options* in their community to focus on helping the developmentally disabled with housing, employment, and recreation.
- *SOVREN Guild at Seattle's Children's Hospital* receives funding for uncompensated care through our participation in the Car Corral at the Historic Races fourth of July weekend.

And as an added bonus, BMW CCA Public Service Award matches the donations made by all chapters nationwide. This year the donation was approximately eighteen percent. That equates to another \$4,200 given to the agencies listed above.

The Puget Sound Board of Directors would like to thank our membership for giving their valuable time to help organize and participate in events that provide ways to give back to our neighbors. Your generous donations of dollars at the auction and for registration at events give us the means to make a difference and change lives.

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Board Nominations

THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE had an easy time of it this year. We have filled all the board positions with a full slate of candidates for the 2009 Board of Directors. We had a volunteer for president, sometimes a tough slot to fill, and we even have a few new board members for next year! Since none of the positions is contested, we do not need a ballot.

If a full board position sounds like too much time commitment, there are other ways to get involved in the Club activities. You can contact a board member for additional information. Remember, all of our events are made possible through the efforts of volunteers.

The Candidates for the 2009 Board of Directors are:

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Hood River Tour Recap

TWENTY-EIGHT BMWs and fifty hardy Club members gathered on a very soggy October weekend for our third over-night tour to Hood River. The last time we did this trip (2006) we were happy that our lunch spot provided shade from the sun. This time, just when you thought it couldn't rain any harder, it did!

I usually take a poll at the driver's meetings, asking how many members have participated in one of our Driving Schools. I was pleasantly surprised to see that almost everyone had. The skills learned at those events were certainly put to good use on this drive. Forest Road 25 near Mt. St. Helens can be tricky in the best of conditions. On this day, in addition to the curves, elevation changes and bumps, we faced pouring rain, and sections covered with leaves. We did our best to set a pace appropriate for the conditions. I'm happy to report that we all made it out the other side.

The hard rain waited until we reached Hood River and were just about to set foot on the 1.2 mile walk toward Hopsfest, the Heavens opened. Gore-Tex was donned, a Northwest spirit adopted, great seasonal beers were sampled, and a good time was had, regardless. Other members chose to continue driving, exploring the twisty roads and the Columbia River overlook near Mosier.

We split into several smaller groups for dinner, and I heard many reports of good food and great times. That's really the best part of tours for me—getting to socialize with old friends and make new ones.

Sunday morning provided marginally better conditions. I led a small group back over an early snow dusted Chinook Pass. Others chose to hang around town for more exploring, while some were headed further east to do a little wine tasting on the way home.

Laurie and I had a great time in spite of the conditions, and we're looking forward to visiting this great little town again next fall.

Scott Hieronymus



Photo by Scott Hieronymus.



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Photo by Duane Montagne.

Garth Stein Meeting



Garth Stein reading to Club members at University Bookstore.

OUR MEETING with Garth Stein, author of *The Art of Racing in the Rain* was one of the best events I've ever attended. Garth's presentation was terrific. We had about forty members, and a few "non-members" attend and learn more about the book's creation. It has now been translated into twenty-five languages and there is even a movie deal in the works. Ross Bentley, famous racing coach and author, is mentioned in the book and was in the audience with his wife, Robin. All in all, a great way to spend a rainy fall Saturday morning. If you missed our October 4 reading, please visit Garth's website at www.GarthStein.com, for future presentations.

David Lightfoot

December 7

E36 Tech Session and Garage Sale at M-Cars

GENERAL MAINTENANCE WILL BE DISCUSSED with some 'hands on' demonstrations of the basics. Air filters-to-brake pads are on the list of items to maintain . . . and as always Fluids! Fluids! Fluids!

Also, same day/same time, will be an E36 Garage Sale. Bring your clean re-usable E36 stock or aftermarket 'don't wants' and 'sell-n-swap' with fellow E36 enthusiasts!

Tech Session will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday December 7 with Sell-n-Swap activities to be conducted during the 11:30-12:30 break. Please plan on arriving around 9:30 to place your items for sale—vbb listing to appear as date approaches. Post your items for sale ahead of time within the vbb thread "E36 Tech Session and Garage Sale@M-Cars."

Matt LaCross of M-Cars will host an E36 Tech Session at his new location near the SODO district. Please visit www.m-carsseattle.com.

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The 2008 PRO3 regular season points championship came to a very dramatic close at Pacific Raceways on September 25. Jeff Van Lierop in the Country Green machine, and the 2007 PRO3 points champ, had been doing battle with Andrew Newell of Team Strictly BMW Racing all season long. And I mean ALL SEASON LONG, twelve races total; ten race weekends all over the Northwest. These two drivers went nose to tail in nearly every race. Each one sharing as many pole positions as first place finishes. In some races, one would earn the pole, but the other would snag first place at the checkered. It was that close.

How close? Too close to make up. Like I said, you can't write better fiction. Going into the weekend, Jeff had earned 223 points to Andrew's 221 points. Two lousy points separated the leaders after eleven races. The finishing schemes started whirring through the paddock like back-chatter at a cocktail party; who had to finish where in the line-up to win all the marbles. As if that drama wasn't enough, enter Caelin Gabriel. Although fifth in the points at the time, Caelin had proven his mettle at Portland in August by not only taking pole, but also the win. He could prove to be the spoiler here, grabbing some much-needed points from Andrew and securing Jeff's win. And what of Kevin Doyle? He was chasing the top two all season and was comfortably in third place overall, but was certainly due for the top spot on the podium. Would he step up and be the spoiler? Oh, the theories and speculation ran rampant through the paddock that day!

To add to the drama, Sunday morning greeted us with a low-lying fog and moisture on the roadways entering the



Holding West Werks check from left to right are Kevin Doyle, Jeff Van Lierop, and Andrew Newell.

track. The paddock was split 50/50: was the track fast and sticky this morning, or was it wet and slick? Like a single-file line of church parishioners, we slowly made our way to track entrance through pre-grid. Race officials warned of a wet track. A PRO3 train took off with the green flag and was greeted with...a very dry, very FAST track! Personal best times throughout the PRO3 grid were improved by one or two full seconds.

Even more amazing was the final result of combined qualifying; but I'm

going to make you wait, like we did. First of all, Timing and Scoring had been working around communication issues all weekend and so the times were slow to come out of Driver Services. Then, once the qualifying results finally came out, it was quickly determined that there was something wrong. Some times were correct, others were not. Drivers and crew that knew they had faster times were not recorded! Holy cow! Not this weekend, of all weekends! Not with the PRO3 championship separated by

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Jeff the 2008 PRO3 champ.



Kevin Doyle who finished third.



Andrew Newell who finished second in points.

two points! This cannot be! Protests were thrown and voices were heard; oh, the humanity! Apparently, the Saturday practice had been combined with Saturday qualifying rather than combined with Sunday qualifying – so much needed fast laps were not included in the combined grid sheet. The proper

grid was quickly sorted out as a result.

The result? Andrew bettered Jeff's fastest lap by the thinnest of margins: .004 seconds. No other pole all season was this close. Andrew had, just like that, in four thousandths of a second, TIED the series championship. Never before in PRO3 has there been a tie

going into the final race for first place. What are the odds? Staggering, even to the likes of Jimmy the Greek!

The gritty anticipation suddenly settled in and all attention was on PRO3. The mandatory driver's meeting brought it to the attention of those outside of Group 1 that, yes, there was a points tie for first place. To add to the spectacle at the meeting, the two competitors were asked to stand up and identify their cars. They happened to be seated next to each other; true gentlemen racers for sure!

It was a clean race with few yellow flags (no full-course yellows!) no black flags, just good, tight racing. Jeff managed to hold off competition during the race and took the checkered for the win. A hearty "Congratulations!" goes out to Jeff, Andrew, and Kevin for their performances this year. ICSCC awards trophies to fifth place due to the size of our class, so to round out the podium, Caelin snagged fourth place with yours truly in fifth.

Overall, it was a very good season for PRO3. We grew our numbers to all-time highs with the racing entries to prove it. For 2008 we had 211 starts versus 143 in 2007. Our largest grid was 28 PRO3 cars at Seattle in August.

Our sponsors contributed nearly \$10,000 to our efforts, and certainly are deserving of special recognition. Speedware Motorsports in Redmond and Griot's Garage in Fife generously donated multiple gift certificates for the Seattle races. Car Quest donated merchandise, and Toyo Tires, (our title sponsor) donated Toyo Bucks in various amounts determined by the number of cars in the starting grid.

Westwerks Automotive in Redmond sponsored the Westwerks Challenge at Pacific Raceways for PRO3. The top three points earners of the combined Seattle races earned cold hard cash! Congrats to Jeff Van Lierop, Andrew Newell, and Kevin Doyle!

A quick reminder: the 2009 PRO3 Calendar will be published again this year. See Lance Richert's article elsewhere in this issue for details.

I'll see you at the virtual track...until next year.

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I Always Thought They Should Last Longer Though . . .

I GENERALLY DON'T READ ARTICLES about tires; I find them dull and un-engaging. So if you're the same way, read on because I'm not going to bore you to death with data and test results. I would just like to convey some real life experience in hopes that you don't make the same mistakes.

I have owned two sets of Michelin MXV4s over the years and both times the experience was pleasant. I enjoyed the ride comfort, the ride quality, the ability to sustain spirited driving and the overall performance of the tire. A couple years ago I needed a set of tires for my 740iL and decided to look into the tire market a little deeper before throwing another set of MXV4s on the old Bimmer.

Now as I said, I have no real grievance with the MXV4s except I think they should last a bit longer, so I started researching the tire market for the best rated tire. The Bridgestone Turanza keeps coming up, so I look into it a little further. I like what I am hearing from the review segment and the manufacture's test reviews look good as well. I find the closest Bridgestone Dealer and kick the tires a little. It's a good looking tire with good reviews and a sound warranty, so I pull the trigger.

About a year later I start noticing a little vibration in the front end, a little shimmy in the steering wheel and a disquieting feeling in my BMW consciousness. As I have mentioned before I have an E28. The only thing that has plagued it over and over (aside from warped front rotors) is a recurring front end shimmy requiring control arm bushing replacement. At this point I am not even considering a tire issue; I am thinking this has to be a budding front end issue. Now I must point out that if you were to look in Mr. Webster's dictionary under "Anal Retentive" you'll most likely find a picture of me.

Anyway, if I had a dollar for every minute I have spent at tire stores waiting for my wheels to be balanced, I could retire-which in this market is saying something. Now remember I am a bit imbalanced when it comes to tire balancing. I can't stand any shimmy in the car what so ever, so driving an E28 is akin to putting a man in a round room and asking him to stand in the corner. Not that BMWs are intrinsically shaky, just the opposite; they are inherently smooth so any shake is exaggerated.

So I went to the local BMW dealer and had the tires balanced. They told me that one tire on the front had lost a weight. After I left it felt much better, but not perfect. So I went again; then a couple of months later I went again. I put up with what I thought was an imperfect wheel for about another year until I could no longer stand the shakiness.

On a recent trip to Seattle I pulled into a Les Schwab store and asked yet another tire dealer to balance my wheels. After waiting a little bit (and enjoying some popcorn along with a turn at the wheel simulator computer) a guy asked me to come out to the shop. Now I have spent a fair amount of time in this situation: he is going to show me something awful, I'm supposed to shriek and agree to have everything under my car replaced. This is not my first rodeo.

Now I must point out that if you were to look in Mr. Webster's dictionary under "Anal Retentive" you'll most likely find a picture of me.

Actually this time he had something horrifying to show me. My tires were cupped, warped, out of round, you name it, they were anything but in a circle. As I said, I have had my wheels incessantly balanced but I have never had them rotated. I have never been good at getting my tires rotated. I will spend hours eating popcorn waiting to get my wheels balanced but not rotated, I don't have time for that.

So what have I learned so far? Apparently some tires actually need to be rotated, and not all tires are created equal. Not all shimmies are due to bent wheels or bad front-end bits. There is one thing to be said for the MXV4s though; I treated them the same exact way, never rotated them, drove them like I stole 'em and never had this issue. I always thought they should last longer though.

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The start of the tour; Scott handing out tour directions.





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BMW Creates Limited-Edition 2009 BMW Individual 7 Series For 2008 Neiman Marcus Christmas Book

BMW announced it will offer—exclusively through the renowned Neiman Marcus Christmas Book—a limited edition of its all-new 2009 BMW 7 Series, designed by the team at BMW Individual, and based on a BMW 750Li. In honor of the 7 Series' 31st anniversary, only 31 of these personalized models have been built and the 31 lucky Neiman Marcus customers who buy the car will have the ultimate “bragging rights”—they will be able to purchase the 2009 BMW 7 Series from October 16 only through authorized BMW dealers, before the vehicle's North American preview at the Los Angeles Auto Show in November, and before its 2009 launch date.

Each automobile also includes an unforgettable European driving experience along the French Riviera. The Neiman Marcus Limited-Edition 2009 BMW Individual 7 Series and fantasy driving experience will be available for purchase in this year's Neiman Marcus Christmas Book for \$160,000.

To truly deliver the “ultimate driving experience,” BMW, through its authorized dealers, is offering the 31 Neiman Marcus customers who purchase the vehicles an exclusive, once-in-a-lifetime European adventure, in which they will be able to take delivery of the automobiles from the BMW Welt in Munich, Germany in April 2009 and then set off on a multi-city lavish vacation in the South of France. While enjoying BMW's home in Munich, participants will be granted rare insider access to BMW before embarking on a journey to Monaco, Nice and Cannes, during which they will be able to road test their new vehicles along the sumptuous French Riviera—a fitting setting for the luxurious BMW 7 Series. Upon completion of the trip, the purchaser's new vehicle will be

shipped back to the United States for immediate delivery.

The BMW 7 Series is BMW's flagship sedan and the new 7 Series—the fifth generation of this legendary automobile—once again demonstrates how luxury can be seamlessly combined and harmonized with dynamic performance. A completely new interpretation of style, luxury and driving pleasure, the 2009 BMW 7 Series is the product of a self-assured design philosophy and consistent yet ever-evolving engineering artistry. Among its many new features, the new 7 Series introduces Driving Dynamics Control, which enables the driver to select from four progressively sporty driving programs—Comfort, Normal, Sport and Sport Plus—with the touch of a button. Each program features different settings for shock-absorber firmness, transmission shift characteristics, engine-throttle response and power-steering assist.

Powered by an all-new V-8 engine with direct injection and twin turbo-

chargers, the new 7 Series also represents major progress in efficiency and performance. A 6-speed automatic transmission with optimized shifting smoothness and speed promotes enhanced fuel efficiency. While official EPA ratings are not yet in, the 2009 BMW 7 Series is expected to deliver class-leading fuel efficiency. New, exclusive BMW driver-assistance systems, including the 2nd generation of iDrive, and comfort-related features, such as massaging, air-conditioned back seats and new hard-drive music storage, further add to the exceptional driving and riding experience these automobiles deliver. For greater driving safety, the all-new 7 Series also includes Active Blind Spot Detection and BMW Night Vision with Pedestrian Detection and is the first in its segment to offer a Head-Up Display, which projects relevant driving information onto the windshield in front of the driver.

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BMW Individual has a rich history of refining what's good so it becomes even better, and has been a synonym for outstanding technical ambition and a desire for automobile perfection. The team of specialists at BMW Individual primarily aims to achieve an overall concept for the vehicle which presents BMW customers with an opportunity to make their own personal selection from a collection of high-quality materials, harmoniously matched paint finishes, leathers and interior trims. Established in 1991, BMW Individual was the first outfit of its kind in the industry. Its success story started with a design from Karl Lagerfeld, which was followed by another two designs over the next few years. These unusual prototypes, along with designs



Brady White as Santa Claus waves from the Neiman Marcus Limited-Edition 2009 BMW Individual 7 Series during the unveiling of the the 82nd edition of the Neiman Marcus Christmas Book in Irving, Texas, Tuesday, October 7, 2008. The car is featured in the Christmas Book (10/2008).

by artist David Hockney, were pioneering for what followed. Today, the team at BMW Individual creates vehicles that are not just personalized, but that always meet the highest aesthetic standard—and the Neiman Marcus Limited-Edition 2009 BMW Individual 7 Series is certainly no exception.

A photo and description of the Neiman Marcus Limited-Edition 2009 BMW Individual 7 Series appears in the 2008 Neiman Marcus Christmas Book. The last BMW offered in the Neiman Marcus Christmas Book sold out in a record time.

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1998 M3 Sedan: 93,000 miles, five-speed manual. \$14,500 obo. Cosmos Black with black leather. Power sunroof, factory Harmon Kardon AM/FM cassette with six CD changer. Factory spoiler, rear folding pass-through seats. Original owner, non-smoker, always garaged. New battery & Yokohama ADVAN S4 tires. All maintenance records available. "Practical" sports car—four doors and 28 mpg! New M5 forces sale. Contact Jim at 253-670-1311 or jclifford@batterypowersystems.com.

1997 E39 540i Sport 6-Speed: Built 3/97 and purchased 8/97. Montreal blue exterior with no dents or dings; clean, smoke-free interior with blue-gray leather/vinyl, and perfect walnut. Bridgestone RE750 tires on BMW sport wheels. 60,700 miles. Extras include power "comfort" front seats, DSP sound (tape adapter works great as AUX input), folding rear seats with ski bag, and two sets BMW (carpet and rubber) mats. All maintenance by BMW Seattle exceeding factory recommendations. Inspection I at 59,178 miles. New SRS sensor, front brakes and instrument cluster. Every receipt available. Licensed until 8/09. Never tracked or abused. NADA and Kelley Blue Book value: \$12,500. Call Bob at 206-324-4812.

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MASItaly Wheels: Set of four 7x15, five spoke for E30 ix. Slight curb rash. \$200 for all. Contact Lucetta at lucettalightfoot@msn.com.

Set of Four BMW Wheels with Tires: BMW OEM Style 54 wheels with Dunlop Sport 2000 tires from a E46, 225/50/16, 65% tread remaining. Wheels would be great for set of snow tires. All in very good condition. \$400 for all. Contact David at webmbac@hotmail.com or 360-647-1236.

Set of Four Bridgestone Turanza EL42 run flat tires, size 205/55/16: Great condition, off of an E90, 80% tread remaining. \$325 or best offer for all four. Contact David at webmbac@hotmail.com or 360-647-2179.

Dashboard: for an E24 6 series dash, great condition one small crack, less than the size of a pencil eraser. Pictures can be emailed upon request. \$300 + shipping. Contact Rick at 360-545-6613 or 4giffords@comcast.net.

Four tires and rims: TSW chrome stealth wheels 16x8 with extra center caps and removal tool. Mounted with Kuhmo Ecsta Supra 712. 225/50R16 (2) and 245/45ZR16 (2) tires have less than 500 miles on them. Looks like 10mm rim offset will fit 5, 6, 7 series. Off of a 635. Pictures emailed upon request. \$600 + shipping. Contact Rick at 4giffords@comcast.net or 360-545-6613.

1988 E30 325is parts from my (de)parted E30: Black hood in good condition: \$225. Black leather rear seat, fully assembled back and bottom, in excellent condition: \$125. OEM Premium Audio rear speakers, designed for the E30 to produce outstanding sound with an OEM appearance: \$150. Website lists other miscellaneous items, see <http://www.midwestroads.com/bmw/> or e-mail sk7@midwestroads.com. Feel free to make an offer—I don't have room to store these and want them to go to a good home. Call Scott at 847-769-1098; local resident, will arrange for delivery.

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