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# KALENDER

## June 27, Wednesday

**Board Meeting.** All members welcome. RSVP to [president@bmwpugetsound.com](mailto:president@bmwpugetsound.com).

## June 29-July 1

**Vintage Race at Pacific Raceways.** SOVREN Vintage Races at Pacific Raceway over the 4th of July weekend.

## July 13, Friday

**Track Day at Pacific Raceways.** See the details in Motorsports Report.

## July 25, Wednesday

**Board Meeting.** All members welcome. RSVP to [president@bmwpugetsound.com](mailto:president@bmwpugetsound.com).

## July 29, Sunday

**1968 Fest.** Celebrate 50 years since the introduction of the 2002 to the U.S. market. All BMWs welcome and models sold between 1968 and 1976 featured.

## August 22, Wednesday

**Board Meeting.** All members welcome. RSVP to [president@bmwpugetsound.com](mailto:president@bmwpugetsound.com).

## August 24, Friday

**Track Day at Pacific Raceways.** See the details in Motorsports Report.

## September 9, Sunday

**Bimmers at Palisade.** This was so popular last year that we're doing it again.

## September 15, Saturday

**M Car Day at Griot's Garage.** The day for celebrating all things BMW M. See the entire parking lot full of M Cars.

## September 23, Sunday

**Track Day at The Ridge Motorsports Park.** Our annual trip to Shelton. HPDE only, no CCC.

For more information about any event, go to our website: [www.BMWPugetSound.com](http://www.BMWPugetSound.com).

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# President's Column

GREETINGS PUGET SOUND BMW CITIZENS. Summer is here and it's time to drive and participate in the events we've organized for you. Check out the website and this issue for upcoming fun things to do. I could ramble on and quote more English philosophers, but instead, I want to profile two board members: Christian Bouchez and Daren Morales. These two guys perform vital functions for the Club; Christian is our photographer and manager of social media and Daren is the new membership coordinator. If you see them at events, introduce yourself and thank them for their service.

We're fortunate to have dedicated board members who are willing to serve the larger Puget Sound BMW community. If you want to get involved, email me at [president@bmwpugetsound.com](mailto:president@bmwpugetsound.com).

See you out there!

*Steve Libby, President  
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## Christian Bouchez



Christian was born and grew up in Mexico City and later moved to Seattle to pursue pilot training. Here, he met his wife and began a family. Christian is the Visitor Services Manager at the Museum of Flight, managing 15-20 full-time employees and coaching over 100 volunteers. He is also the Club's official photographer and manages the Club's social media presence on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. You will see Christian at events in a very special E30 touring with a special engine! Christian provides photographs at our track events which are always popular with drivers. If you want to see more of his photos, go to [www.bouchezphotography.com](http://www.bouchezphotography.com).

## Daren Morales



Daren recently moved to the Tacoma area from Denver, Colorado for work and to be closer to his wife's family. In Colorado, Daren was the Treasurer for the Rocky Mountain BMW CCA chapter.

Daren wanted to get involved in the Puget Sound Region Chapter and answered the ad for a Membership Coordinator placed in *Zündfolge* and our website. Daren has brought new ideas to the Puget Sound board. Daren says "I have always been a BMW enthusiast and have owned BMWs my whole adult life. I look forward to meeting many of you at upcoming events!"

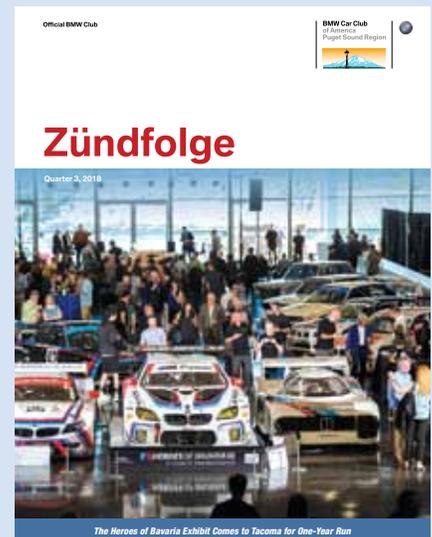
## 2018 Duffy Lake, B.C., Canada Tour

FOR THE SECOND YEAR, our Club has been invited to participate in the fun and beautiful Duffy Lake, B.C. tour. The dates for us are August 24-26 and starts in Langley, B.C. on August 25. We will have rooms reserved for us the night of August 24 at the Langley Sandman Hotel. The next morning is the drivers' meeting and we will begin our tour. The route will

be a reverse of last year's and we will go north through the Whistler area and then on to Kamloops where we will spend the night and continue driving the following morning. There will be space for eight vehicles. Additional details will be made available in the month or two prior to the tour. Your U.S. tour leader is Phil Sanders at [philsand@comcast.net](mailto:philsand@comcast.net).



All photos by Christiane Helbig.



### ON THE COVER

The Heroes of Bavaria exhibit comes to LeMay—America's Car Museum for a one-year run. Don't miss it!

*Photo by Payton Photography*



# Burgers & BMWs



**2002s in a row.**

THE NINTH ANNUAL BURGERS & BMWs at the Triple X Drive-in in Issaquah on May 27 was a success. But that understates it a bit. We filled the 'premier' lot, filled the lower lot, filled the parking lots across the street and down the street, filled the shoulders along Gilman Boulevard and, well, there was a crowd. At one point a member went out and made a count and found over 530 BMWs in the vicinity! Triple X sold a few burgers too.

While the event officially started at 10:00, the lot was already filled by then. We did have 50 spots that were re-sold as people left early and others took their places. That was good for Life Enrichment Options, the charity that is the beneficiary of the event profits.

This year we had a new chairperson for the event, with Greg Smith taking the hand-off from Lance Richert. Lance was there every step of the way to ease the transition. A raffle was introduced for the first time at this event. It was

done using the proven procedure used at the E30 Picnic and other chapter events. It was popular and raised more money for the charity. Thanks to the generous donors who made the raffle possible.

The cars? There was huge diversity, with nearly every type of post-1962 BMW represented. Certainly, the highlights were parked side-by-side: two examples of BMW greatness nearly forty years apart. Peter Gleeson brought his 1981 M1. This dark blue beauty was owned for many years by Johnny Cecotto, famed E30 M3 race champion. Peter bought the car from Johnny.

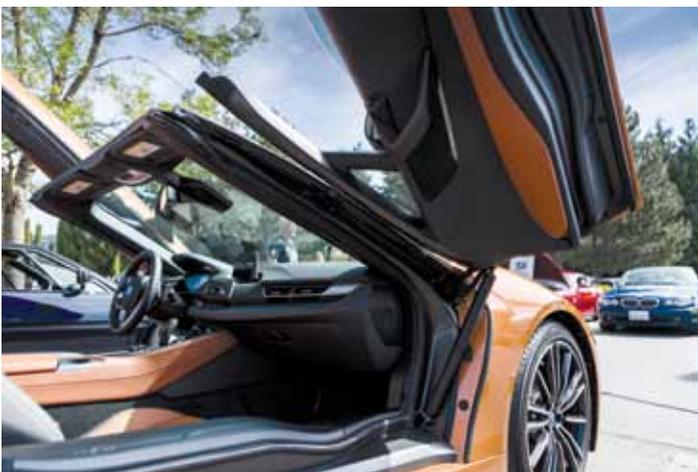
The second car was an i8 Roadster, brought by BMW NA regional rep, Rich Kumar. This is the first i8 Roadster on the West Coast and the first time anyone present had seen one. The car was painted in a copper-colored finish. BMW has another name for the color but I don't know what it is. The exterior color

and the black carbon-fiber coordinated nicely with the tan interior with black accents. The i8 Roadster is a stunning car. If you're interested in one of your own, the base price is \$163,300.

We had a whole line-up of 2002s, appropriate for this year, the 50th anniversary of that model's introduction to the U.S. market. We even had two rare 2002 Turbos. From the same vintage, Malcolm Klug brought out his 3.0CSL Batmobile. If you like BMWs from the 1960s and 1970s, make sure to plan on attending our event in Renton on July 29th. Cars of that era will be featured.

More modern BMWs, pretty much of every model and era, were in attendance. Diversify seems to be the theme of this show, with every kind of BMW and people of all ages in attendance. This is a family-friendly venue and event, so there were lots of children.

The perfect weather didn't hurt. We had beautiful sunny skies with moderate



**Have a seat.**



**M1 and i8 at XXX Root Beer.**

temperatures. With this kind of turnout, we're going to have to consider what to do for next year. The site was filled to overflowing and more, so the board will be considering the alternatives. What a nice challenge to have!

Thanks again to those who donated to the raffle and thanks to Triple X Restaurant for hosting. Thanks to all the volunteers who started at 7:30 am to make it all happen. And thanks to all of you who participated.

*David Lightfoot*

**We thank the following businesses for their generous donations to the raffle:**

- **XXX Root Beer**—Jay Leno Wax Kit, Coca-Cola memorabilia and gift certificates
- **BMW Bellevue**—BMW kids glider and BMW bike
- **Eastside Bavarian**—Brake fluid flush (two certificates)
- **Griot's Garage**—Wash kit with bucket, starter car care kit, Club assistance kit (two of these)
- **Strictly BMW**—Oil change and filter and track inspection
- **Wu Wraps**—3x5' Carbon fiber vinyl wrap for the interior
- **Acropolis Pizza & Pasta**—Gift certificate for dinner
- **Bavarian Autosport**—Three \$100 gift certificates plus catalogs containing 10% off coupons
- **BMW Seattle**—BMW scooter, BMW toy car for kids
- **BMW North America**—Provided the new i8 Roadster for display at the show



**Buying raffle tickets.**



**Crowd shot.**

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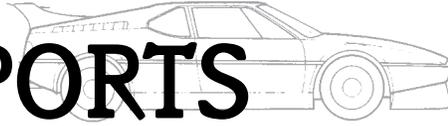





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# MOTOR SPORTS



SUMMER IS HERE and that means only one thing: it is time to head to the track! We had a very successful HPDE/CCC event on May 11, lots of smiling faces! By the time you all read this, we will have had our second event on June 8. Our track events are made successful by the dedicated instructors, volunteers, and you, the participants. Thank you all.

How do you continue to make every track event successful: preparation. Preparation is required for both driver and car. You need to make a checklist. For those of you who are aviators or in the aviation industry, you are familiar with this concept. For those of you who might be interested in the history of the checklist go to [www.atchistory.org/History/checklst.htm](http://www.atchistory.org/History/checklst.htm).

Checklists are used in all kinds of activities and applications. They force you to be prepared and, in our case, allow you to focus on driving. The last



Photos by Christian Bouchez.

thing you want is to be having to deal with a midnight major issue with the car the night before an event. And, it is all about safety in reality.

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2. Have you packed all the items you need for the day in the car or have them organized for the morning? Lay items out in an orderly manner or pack the car the night before.
3. Are you mentally ready for the day, do you need to clear your mind of distractions? This is not always easy. Avoid answering work-related emails during the day unless necessary.
4. Have you packed clothing, sunscreen, food, drinks, and rain gear that you might need during the day?

**Your Car**

1. Is your car ready, tire pressure checked, fluids topped off, and loose bits removed from the cabin?
2. Although we require only one inspection per year, have you considered a mid-year inspection?



3. Are your tires in good shape after the last track day if the car is your daily driver? Do you have a tire gauge and know what tire pressures for your car are recommended? Remember, tire pressure goes up when driving on the track. Check them frequently.
4. Is everything working like it should?
5. Have you checked your brake pads? If they are down to a few millimeters, change them.

Driving your BMW or other car on the track is a real treat and the real thing. Yes, you will be going fast and demanding a lot from the car, especially brakes and tires. You want to make absolutely sure everything is working like it should.

BMW builds cars that can be driven at the track and then driven home. Not many other manufactures make such a machine. However, they don't maintain themselves but require attention and care. This is the real thing; M2, M3, M4 drivers are attaining speeds at the end of the straight at Pacific and the Ridge that are pretty amazing to be sure. My challenge to you all is to make sure everything is working properly.

See you on the track!

*Steve Libby, President  
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# 2018 Walla Walla Wine Tour

October 12-14

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, the 2018 Walla Walla Wine Tour promises to be an enjoyable Eastern Washington fall wine weekend outing. This is a two over-night wine tour, from Friday, October 12th and returning on Sunday, October 14th. We will visit various wineries, tasting the best they have to offer.

The Walla Walla Valley has over 1,800 acres of vineyards and is home to more than 150 wineries, which are located in five main areas, each of which has a distinctly different feel. The climate, soil, and conditions of the Walla Walla wine region offer a special environment in which to grow grapes of superb quality.

We were very fortunate to have reserved a limited number of rooms at the historic Marcus Whitman Hotel in downtown Walla Walla.

More details to follow. Questions? Email me at [gregormsmith@gmail.com](mailto:gregormsmith@gmail.com)  
*Greg Smith*  
Wine Tour Leader



All photos by Christiane Helbig.

# Summer Car Show Featuring the 50th Anniversary of the 2002

July 29  
Cedar River Park, Renton River Days

THE SUMMER CAR SHOW HELD DURING RENTON RIVER DAYS will focus on the 50th anniversary of the BMW 2002 to the U.S., the car that saved BMW as a company. The 2002 body style was built by BMW from 1966 to 1977. These cars were very popular and really put BMW on the map as a modern-day car manufacturer. All BMWs are welcome to park on the field!

The event will occur at the Cedar River field, next to the swimming pool. For those of you have been around, this is the site of our annual summer car and concours in the past. All BMWs are welcome and encouraged to attend this event. This is a show and shine gathering event, no judging will take place. We will raffle off some goodies during the day. There will be a special prize for The People's Choice Award to be revealed at the show.

We encourage all of you who have 1600, 1800, 2002 line, the E9s, E3s, early E12-E21-E24s, 3200, and the Bavarias to clean up your cars and come to this show. This will include models from 1965 to 1976. These models are the ones BMW brought to North America and started people paying attention to this car maker.

This show is not limited to these cars, all BMWs are encouraged to come out and park your car. We will divide the field in to two sections for a really cool visual contrast!

For those rockers out there, you should know that Jimi Hendrix is buried in Renton and we will have a driving tour to visit his grave for those who are interested.

The show will start at 10:00 am and there will be a \$10 charge to park on the field. The proceeds will be given to the Renton Lions Club. Money will be collected at the



entrance to the field. We will have a raffle and award the People's Choice at 2:00 pm. Food is available at the River Days food court, just under the highway with lots of choices.

**Schedule of Events**

- 10:00 am Field opens for parking
- Noon Collection of People Choice Award ballots
- 2:00 pm Announcement of the People's Choice and a raffle

**Cedar River Park, 1717 Maple Valley Highway, Renton**

Watch the ATS announcement for details. RSVP, questions and suggestions can be sent to [president@bmwpugetsound.com](mailto:president@bmwpugetsound.com).  
*Steve Libby, President*



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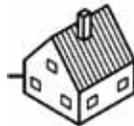
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2018 is starting strong—17 PRO3 cars at PIR and 23 at Pacific. Conference totaled 149 and 131 entries respectively—225 and 210 including the non-points sprint races. And 16 drivers attended the IRDC competition school. There's another July 20.

The top five PRO3 at PIR were Corey Peters 25 points, Dirk Groenveld 22, Matt Lowell 22, Bryce Scott 19 and Rob Johnston 18. During the race, Matt ran a blistering 1:22.8 and eight of the 13 finishers ran in the 1:23s or better. In just his second season, with coaching by IRDC Pres Gama A-G, Dirk took pole in the Mini Enduro—but was bested by wiley Corey in Sunday's race.

At Pacific, David Weller put the Fina #6 on pole with an amazing 1:37.2

qualifying, only to lose the race to Brian Bercovitz in the LUI/Blaupunkt car. The top five were Brian, Corey, Bruce Humberstone, Bryce Scott and Rob Johnston.

As you read this, we will have completed the triple race at Spokane June 15–17 and the Pacific NW Historics June 29–July 1. Coming up: July 21–22 Pacific Raceways, July 27–29 double race at Mission Raceway B.C., August 18–19 PIR, September 15–16 a double at the Ridge, and October 13 the Enduro at PIR. HPDE drivers, you can strut your stuff during an actual race weekend July 21–22 at Pacific. Check the schedules and drivers entered at [motorsportsreg.com](http://motorsportsreg.com) and the race results at [ICSCC.com](http://ICSCC.com).

Despite the unfortunate departure of up-and-comer Mike Bailey and his entourage, this year has seen an influx of new talent (Nor Coquillard), new cars (Matt Lowell and #217), old cars in new hands (TicTac, Mark Carpenter;

Nardella's, Mike Roy; Tim Mineo's, John Parkinson), old cars in new liveries (Corey Peters), and the resurrection of cars thought departed e.g. Beef Wellington's guibo failure at Mission ventilated the passenger cabin—like flack in a fighter plane. Dave Bennitt and Bruce Boyd's beautiful car, Watson, is still for sale.

The first two race weekends did involve some mechanical issues: Jeff McAffer's engine at PIR, broken shifters (Hulk-man Corey Peters), torn subframes (Matt Lowell), flat tire (Kyle Byers), failed clutch master cylinder (Mirko Frequia), and other gremlins. Even the mighty Blue Baron #137 had a loose caliper. Bill Ecker's spidey-sense detected a sound during the non-points race pace lap, and he returned to the pits for repairs. Going to race pace in that condition could have led up to a full Cissell. Never go full Cissell.



**Pole sitter Dirk Groenveld leads the PRO3 pack through the first turn at Portland.**

Photos by Doug Berger.

Now, most folks know that Jim, an old guy late to racing, will never win a race—except for that Enduro at Pacific where he was the only ME2 car to keep on racing after a major oil spill. But most agree that his videos are educational (learning the right line by watching other drivers pull away), exciting (bumper-to-bumper action), and fun (Jim laughing at himself). But at Pacific, one driver said the videos were a waste of time, there was nothing to learn, Jim drove the wrong line, the captions were stupid. Undeterred, Jim plans to keep trying to make people laugh. Because, is there anything better than sharing laughs and thrills with friends at the race track? Even Jim learned some things at Pacific. 1. Do not go on a track while hung over. You may be safe but you will be slower—seven seconds first session. 2. Make sure your hands don't hit your camlock. At PIR, Jim's new Sparco belts weren't a problem. But on Pacific's 3B hairpin, three times in three sessions his left hand hit the camlock and released his belts. It got a bit hairy as you'll see in the video.

You'll also see lots of Kevin Doyle. Two drivers in his stable, Corey Peters and Matt Lowell, are doing great this year. At Pacific he rebuilt two cars and got them back on track—Gordon Winters' front end in two hours and Matt Lowell's subframe in four hours.



David Weller shows his pole winning form.

And last December, KD Motorsports captured back-to-back 25 Hours of Thunderhill victories in E2. Drivers Kevin, Corey, and Matt give the credit to their crew chief, PRO3's David Stenner, who held it all together despite losing every gear but 4th, no oil pressure, and metal on metal on the rear brakes. Plus, the team won by five laps and turned its fastest lap of 2:06 in the middle of the night, with "Big Deal" Doyle at the wheel.

We've got some pretty amazing folks in PRO3. We'll feature more of them,

as well as workers and fans, in future videos and issues of PRO3 Line.

So, come on out to a race. Bring your friends and family. Or volunteer to work a race weekend. It takes an army to make it happen—corner workers, control tower, timing and scoring, registration, starting grid, etc. In addition to experiencing racing up close and very personal, you'll get free meals, travel stipends and free/discounted lodging—it varies by club. Call or email Bill or Jim and they'll hook you up. Get good at it and you can work races all over the world. Many ICSCC workers can be found at F1 and NASCAR races from COTA to LeMans.

Thanks again to all our readers, viewers, volunteers, long-suffering significant others, and sponsors—Toyo Tires, BMW Northwest, Griots Garage, 425 Motorsports, Advanced Auto Fabrication, Proformance Racing School, and of course, BMW CCA.

P.S. Special incentives PRO3 drivers: Every IRDC member who enters all four club races (Ridge is a double), gets a \$150 credit toward 2019 entries. And, if we get over 20 entries for Pacific July 20, the drawing winner gets a free IRDC entry to be used within one year.

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# M Car Day

Saturday, September 15

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**9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Griot's Garage**

**3333 South 38th St, Tacoma, WA 98409**

**[www.griotsgarage.com](http://www.griotsgarage.com)**

LAST YEAR'S M CAR DAY WAS A LOT OF FUN, so we're doing it again! Please mark Saturday, September 15 for a very special day of camaraderie to celebrate all things rated M. Our hosts will be Griot's Garage at their facility in Tacoma. Last year saw over 200 M Cars in attendance! This will be the 11th annual M Car Day to celebrate all of the wonderful BMW M Cars that have thrilled us over the years.

This event is FREE! For planning, we ask that you RSVP and include this information about yourself:

Name / Year and type of M Car /  
Number of guests / City

Please roll in between 9:00 and 10:00 am so we can direct you to the appropriate section to park your M car.

We will park the M Cars by E and F chassis types, so owners can compare notes on common maintenance issues and modifications. We'll also have a section for regular BMWs that have had M Power engine transplants. So S52 E30s and S14 2002s are welcome!

## Agenda for the Day

- Griot's Garage will provide each M Car owner in attendance with a free Car Care Product sample at registration. There will also be discounts in the store, so bring your shopping list.
- There will be morning refreshments.
- Around 11:00 am a Griot's Garage car care specialist will pick a lucky car from the attendees for a car care demo in their garage.
- Around noon we'll have the always popular raffle for some great prizes!

The event will run until about 1:00 pm. Club members without an M Car are

also welcome to attend the event to enjoy the day. There will be additional parking for non-M BMWs.

Special thanks to BMW Northwest, Griot's Garage and Haury's Lake City Collision for their continued support of this event!

RSVP by email to [JDavidOrem@gmail.com](mailto:JDavidOrem@gmail.com).

*David Orem, Member*



Photos by Brad Bowen.

# The Icon—50 Years of the 2002 by Jackie Jouret

Review by David Lightfoot

THE CONCEPT FOLLOWS THE BOOK from the BMW CCA Foundation's initial exhibit last year, *Heroes of Bavaria*. *Heroes* covered 75 years of BMW Motorsport with a wide range of BMW models. The *Icon* is about just one model—the 2002. The books from each exhibition are the same horizontal format, nine inches tall by twelve inches wide. The horizontal format is conducive to photographs of cars.

The books for both exhibits are available as a \$50 softbound edition and a limited edition of 300, which are leather bound, hard cover and slip cased. The latter are only available as part of a \$500 contribution to the Foundation. The *Heroes* book is 112 pages while The *Icon* is 148 pages.

Both books were written by Jackie Jouret, former Editor of *Bimmer*, now a *Roundel* staffer and free lance journalist. Jackie is a serious BMW historian, a very fine storyteller and a stickler for getting the facts straight. These are a perfect batch of traits for writing these books. I hope that the Foundation does an annual exhibition and Jackie writes the book for it for, well to be selfish, the rest of my life.

I mentioned above that the *Heroes* exhibition and book spanned many models over 75 years. The *Icon* is about the 2002 with a bit of general history for context, especially about the Neue Klasse on which the '02 was based. But generally, this book is about the theme and variations of the 2002.

The other difference is the ownership of the cars. The *Heroes* exhibition



and book featured many cars owned by BMW Group Classic and BMW of North America. Yes, there were privately-owned cars too, but most came from the company. The 2002 exhibition features mostly privately-owned cars. For that reason, The *Icon* book has much more of a flavor of the BMW clubs rather than BMW, the company. There is one BMW NA-owned car in the exhibit, one owned by a Texas dealership and a couple of Foundation-owned cars. The rest are private owners who agreed to loan their beauties to the year-long exhibition. There are 26 cars in the show and 24 in the book.

With each of the featured cars, there is a page of text and three pages of high quality photos. As with the *Heroes* book, the production values are first rate: nice paper, crisp color photographs and a good clean layout.

The author does a great job, as ever, of telling the 2002's story. After fifty years, you might ask what could there be that is new? You'll be surprised. Jackie has done original research and come up with history never before

published. For the protagonists of the story who are still alive, Jackie has talked to them. The new BMW Design Archive, put together by American David Carp, was used to discover evidence to refute some parts of the 2002's creation myth. Spoiler alert: the 2002 wasn't Max Hoffman's idea.

The role of the 2002 in introducing BMW to North America gets particular scrutiny. I enjoyed some of the dirt related to Paul Hahnemann, the VP of Sales and Marketing, an unscrupulous operator. Fortunately, he was replaced, briefly, by Bob Lutz. Hahnemann's accomplice in the U.S. market was Max Hoffman, a legendary character and another bad actor. BMW paid a lot of money to get rid of this bad guy.

Back to 2002s. You might wonder how they put together a show of 26 2002s. There weren't that many variations, right? Yes, that's right, but there are a number of what one might call modernized cars. These are 2002-based cars where various owners have built race cars or modern cars inside a 2002 shell. Or some that are just a personal vision. Really, they are in the American tradition of hot rodding; using modern technology to keep a vintage car on the road. Or to make it faster than it ever was back in the day!

Get to the exhibition if you can. Whether you can or can't, you should buy a copy of this book. Any aficionado of vintage BMWs will love this walk down memory lane and learn some new things about BMW and the 2002.

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# The Heroes of Bavaria Come to the West Coast

By David Lightfoot

THE HEROES OF BAVARIA HAVE COME TO THE WEST COAST, and fortunately for us, they are at LeMay—America's Car Museum (ACM) in Tacoma. Many chapter members joined us for the gala opening party on May 12. If you didn't make it, the cars will be at ACM through May 2019. If you bleed Weiss mit Blau, you need to see this show.

The opening night party was really something special. Besides the first opportunity to see the cars, there were also plenty of celebrities in attendance. Chapter member and noted BMW collector Peter Gleeson, moderated a panel discussion including BMW NA

Public Relations Manager Tom Plucinsky, former M Brand Manager Erik Wensberg and driver Bill Auberlen. Bill is simply the guy who has won more races driving BMWs than any other person ever. Peter Gleeson has shown us a new talent; he was a great moderator!

There is a book that goes with the exhibit and the author, Jackie Jouret, was in attendance. Rumor is that she will be back for an autograph party at some point. Jackie has also authored the book to accompany the Foundation's second exhibit: *The Icon—50 Years of the 2002*. This exhibit opened on May 18 at the Foundation's headquarters.

The Heroes were on display at the BMW CCA Foundation in Spartanburg for a year. The cars had all gone home to their owners. Then a West Coast appearance for the cars was put together and most of the cars were picked up and hauled to Tacoma. An Indiegogo crowdfunding site was started to pay for the transportation costs. If you'd like to help out, go to IndieGoGo and look for "Bring the Heroes of Bavaria to ACM."

Although not all the racers in the original exhibit were available to come to Tacoma, there are a few substitutions that have been added to the show. The show is spectacular.



The exhibit before the crowd arrived.



The outrageous 320 T as raced by David Hobbs.



ACM President Adam Langsbard enjoying the evening.



German food was provided along with German beverages.

All photos courtesy of Payton Photography and LeMay—America's Car Museum.

For the opening night party, the price of admission included German food, German beer and wine and even themed martinis. For \$75, this was quite a value. If you're thinking right now, I didn't know about this, I would have attended. That tells me that you're not on our chapter email list. We sent three *Around the Sound* email blasts in the

two weeks before the party to promote attendance. We had only three weeks from learning about the show and opening party until the actual event. Our *Zündfolge* lead times are much longer than that and it was impossible to get the word out in *Zündfolge*. If you don't want this to happen again, provide the national office your email address. They then supply a list back to the chapter.



**Left to right: Your Editor-in-Chief, Doug Mill and Bill Auberlen telling me where to go.**



**Erik Wensberg attracts a good-looking fan club.**

Some of the cars in the show will be rotated out and others will be brought in during the year. This is what is included to start the run:

- 1937 328 (a successful race car from the start of BMW Motorsport)
- 1961 700RS (chassis #1 of 2 built)
- 1965 1800 TI/SA (1 of 200 built)
- 1972 3.0 CSL Group 2 Rally (the only factory rally CSL)
- 1975 3.0 CSL Group 4 (1 of 5 Group 4 CSLs, 1976 24 Hours of Dayton a winner)
- 1975 CSL (built to contest the IMSA GT Championship, then raced in Germany)
- 1977 E21 320 Turbo (driven in IMSA by David Hobbs)
- 1981 March M1/C (IMSA GTP, the only one ever produced)
- 1981 March BMW 812 Formula 2 (BMW won 6 of 10 F2 championships contested)
- 1986 JPS 635 (championship winning car in Australia touring cars)
- 1987 E30 M3 (raced by Ray Korman in Firehawk Series, the first U.S. E30 M3)
- 1994 E34 M5 (raced by Ed Arnold Racing, this car won two championships)
- 1992 E36 M3 GTS-3 (the first E36 M3 produced in 1992. Raced by PTG in the U.S., Valvoline livery)
- 1995 E36 318i (raced by Schnitzer in the BTCC, then raced in Australia, Diet Coke livery)
- 2000 Williams F1 FW22 (the first year of the William/BMW partnership, driven by Ralf Schumacher)
- 2011 E92 M3 GT (IMSA championship car)
- 2014 E89 Z4 GTLM (IMSA series, BMW NA 40th Anniversary livery)
- 2017 F13 M6 GTLM (Bill power livery)

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# The Heroes of Bavaria Come to the West Coast

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From left: Panel Discussion Moderator Peter Gleeson, former M Brand Manager Eric Wensberg, Racer Bill Auberlen and BMW NA Public Relations Manager Tom Plucinsky.



Peter and Jennifer Gleeson.



One of the 200 TI/SAs based on the Neue Klasse.



Peter Gleeson owns this CSL, the only factory rally CSL.



Author Jackie Jouret signs a book for Club member Andy Weist.



Bill Auberlen's 400th race with BMW was celebrated with this special livery. Fittingly, the team won the race.



Number 1 of 2 700RSs ever made.



A line-up of street car-based racers with Peter Gleeson's E36 M3 upfront.



A Formula 1 BMW Williams as raced by Ralf Schumacher.



The first U.S. E30 M3 was raced by Ray Korman.

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# Bimmers at Palisade

September 9

**Palisade Restaurant at Elliott Bay Marina  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

LAND HO, BIMMERS! On September 9 bring your Bimmers to the Palisade Restaurant at the Elliott Bay Marina. The restaurant celebrated its 25th anniversary of fine food and drink last year, but will continue the celebration again this year. As part of the celebration, they will reserve 100 spaces for Bimmers in front of the restaurant!

This event is NOT limited to 100 Bimmers, but there is a catch. You must email me at [president@bmwpugetsound.com](mailto:president@bmwpugetsound.com) to reserve your place in front. The first 100 owners will receive a limited edition free poster.

BMW Seattle is the generous host for this event. They have been a long-time supporter of our Club. A hospitality tent will be set up with goodie bags to the first 100 Bimmer owners. Palisade Restaurant will provide some discount coupons and other cool items in these bags. We will be selling the Puget Sound BMW CCA grill badges for \$15 each in case you have not purchased one yet.

Remember, after the spaces are filled in front of the restaurant, there is ample parking in and around the restaurant. The managers of the Elliott Bay Marina love cars and they love big cars so much, they made the parking stalls larger. So, all of you 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, X and M owners, come on down to the marina and show off your pride and joy.

We will begin to park cars at 10:00 am sharp. The Palisade owners would like us to leave the cars parked for as long as possible so lunch time guests can view the beauties.

*Steve Libby, President*

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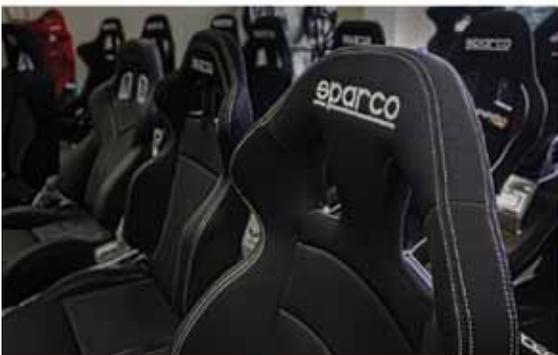
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