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COVER: An all too common sight on the hoods of our BMWs this time of year.

Photo on This Page: President Brian Cone leading us on the Covered Bridges tour this fall

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From the President

Hello BMW CCA Oregon Chapter members! This time, I am saying goodbye as your chapter President. We will have elections in January for all Board member positions.

First, I want to thank the many volunteers and Board members who have helped to create and build this chapter from just an idea to one of the most successful chapters in the BMW CCA. The road has been rough at times, but dedication to the chapter has kept us moving forward. Our website and newsletter are fantastic, we have run many enjoyable tours, our social events have helped bring out many members and spouses, and our Northwest BMW Motorfest event has become an important regional destination.

Second, I want to thank the more than 700 members of our chapter. Most of you have stayed with our chapter since the beginning, and we have attracted many new members as well. Your continued membership has helped make this chapter successful and enjoyable.

Why was this chapter formed? I took a huge risk about 3 years ago in deciding the time was right to form a chapter that would serve the BMW CCA members in Oregon and Southwest Washington, one that was accountable to its members, and one that was run in a professional manner. BMW CCA National and the BMW CCA Puget Sound Chapter supported our efforts, and within three months, our chapter was formed.

Members, we have come a long way, but we are not done yet. The road is still open for our chapter to provide better opportunities for you to enjoy the ownership of your BMW. Our group is vibrant and alive, and we will continue to evolve. What will keep our chapter successful? New volunteers and officers will move our chapter forward and keep membership a priority of BMW enthusiasts for many years to come.

Thank you for supporting our chapter. Thank you for supporting my dream. It has been my honor to serve as your first chapter President. I am looking forward to seeing you next year.

Brian Cone
President

Third Annual Anniversary Banquet *by Anh Le, Secretary*

Please join the members of the BMW CCA Oregon Chapter as we celebrate another successful year at our annual anniversary banquet. The banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2013 at the Stockpot Broiler in Tigard and will open with a social hour to allow members to meet and greet. In lieu of an auction this year, we will be having raffles throughout the night. For those who are not car junkies, we have several other non-car related raffle items for you. We have put together a grand prize raffle package valued well over \$500. You will just have to attend to find out what the package is!

Highlights for this year's banquet will include announcing the results of our election of the 2013-2015 Board and our volunteer awards ceremony. We are excited to announce the results of our first Club Challenge. The Challenge incentive program was designed to encourage and reward participation of our members.

In keeping with our model to give back to the community, the BMW CCA Oregon has chosen the Oregon Food Bank as our charity for the anniversary banquet. A portion of our raffle ticket sales will be donated to the Oregon Food Bank. Please bring a minimum of two cans or packages of non-perishable food items to place in the barrels.

We want to thank President Brian Cone, our founding member, who is stepping down as our leader, but will stay on the Board in another capacity. We have come a long way and wouldn't have done it without you, Brian!

Please check our website for registration information! Happy holidays and we hope to see you at the banquet!

Vintage SIG *by Bruce Feller, Vice President*

Mission Statement: To promote and support the ownership of Vintage BMWs

Definition of Vintage: BMWs from 1976 and older

Bill Upton – Committee Chair

Bruce Feller – Committee Co-chair

Get in your 2002 and drive to our club!

A while back, around March 2012, the Board of Directors was holding its monthly meeting. We discussed the importance of the BMW 2002. After all, the 2002 is the car that set the performance

bar for BMW, the car that awakened the world to BMW as a fun, sporty vehicle. When the layperson looks at a BMW on the road, they can barely tell between a 3-series and a 5-series car, but they definitely notice the 2002 as a standout among BMW vehicles. We wanted to preserve this phenomenon and encourage BMW 2002 owners to be an active focus in our Oregon chapter.

We were not quite sure how we would go about this but we decided it should be a Special Interest Group (SIG), and added this item to our 2012 agenda.



Photo: Sash Kazeminejad

Jump ahead to June 2012. Bill Upton, a BMW 2002 owner and enthusiast, contacted the Board and asked if we would be interested in bringing other 2002 owners together in our club, and how he could help.

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Club Calendar

Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Event Type</i>
Jan 26	Anniversary Banquet	Social
Mar 16	WAAAM Tour (<i>Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum</i>)	Driving Tour
Apr 20	LeMay Car Museum	Driving Tour
May 18	Unknown West Hills Tour	Driving Tour
June 14-16	Rose Cup Races	Car Corral
June 28-30	Portland Historic Races	Car Corral
July 20	Coast Tour	Driving Tour
July 27-28	Maryhill Loops Tour	Driving Tour
Aug 10	NW BMW Motorfest	Car Show
Aug 19-24	BMW CCA Oktoberfest (see article in this issue)	Driving Tour/Festival
Sept 13-15	Oregon Festival of Cars	Driving Tour/Festival
Sept 22	Club Picnic	Social
Oct 19-20	Casino Tour	Driving Tour

Meetings (Gather at 5:30 - 6:30 PM, convene at 7:00 PM)

These schedules are typical, but subject to change.

Please check the website for updates and locations.

- Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month
- General meetings are held on the third Tuesday each month
- Vintage SIG meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month
- Dinner Socials are held on the last Wednesday of each month



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Elections

It's time again to elect officers to lead your club for the years 2013 and 2014. Below you'll find biographies from each of the candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Communications Director. You'll see that each position is uncontested, but our bylaws state that we hold elections every two years. **You can vote by returning the ballot below by mail, or by responding to the email election ballot coming to your Inbox soon.**

The officers' positions aren't the only Board opportunities that need to be filled. We will welcome anyone who wants to help with the administration of the club. Everything that happens in this club is through the efforts of volunteers. In other words, we expect a serious commitment to work.

That's not to say that involvement in club administration isn't fun... it is! Most Board members find their work in the club and with other Board members to be enjoyable and rewarding. Positions include Membership Coordinator, Events Chairperson, Social Events Coordinator, Members At Large, and more.

Aside from these positions, there are other ways to get involved with your club. One is to simply attend board meetings as a general member. Another way is to help with one of the committees that the club has, such as the Motorfest committee. There are also opportunities to chair events, such as general meetings, driving tours, and newsletter contributions are always welcome. How do you want to contribute to make our club better in 2013?

President

Nominee: Bruce Feller

Current Position: Vice President

History I have lived in Portland since 1980, but I am originally from NYC. Please don't hold that against me. I have lived in the same house here in Portland for the last 30 years. My wife and I have raised our 28 year old daughter in this house and we have no intentions of moving. I love Northeast Portland and love the Pacific Northwest.

My professional background has been in sales. I currently own a wholesale distribution company selling to knitting stores in the US and Canada. I have been in this industry for about 38 years.

I have been a car enthusiast all my life with a list of fun cars to prove it. I began my BMW obsession with a 1978 320i Sport, followed by a 1980 320i. After a decade of Saabs, I bought a new 1997 M3 followed by a 1995 M3.

In 1998 I furthered my auto addiction by learning to drive the track here at Portland Int'l Raceway (PIR). After doing this for several years with many local car clubs, I eventually turned to real racing. I bought a 1987 325i (E30) race car and began racing in the PRO3 class - a spec class restricted to BMW 325i cars.

After three years I gave up racing but modified my 1995 M3 street car with suspension upgrades, which allowed me additional fun time on club track days. For the next six years I would give back some of this excitement and experience by volunteering as a driving instructor at PIR for several car clubs: Cascade, Team Continental, Porsche Club and BMWACA. It's a tough job but someone's gotta do it... and I happen to love it!

Why I want to run

- As Vice President for the last two years, I have had the pleasure of being part of the formation and development of our new Oregon chapter. I have enjoyed this immensely. I enjoy being part of the work needed to build the organization.
- I share members' enthusiasm for BMWs and driving events.
- I love being part of bringing new opportunities to BMW drivers and creating new activities that give us reason to socialize with others that share our affinity for cars.
- Belonging to the BMW club has given me an excuse to enjoy more in life, away from the everyday pressures of the world.
- The BMW club is a family activity. My wife Barbara has enjoyed many of the parties, dinners, drives, and events the club has held.
- We have made some really good friends being in this club.

Because I want to share this club with others and help make this club a fun place to be when the work day is over and it's time to relax and have some fun with new friends who also like to drive BMWs. I want to help make this a club that works well, stays transparent, and continues to develop events that enhance fun for its members.

Vice President

Nominee: Anh Le

Current Position: Secretary

Being a CCA member since 2006, I jumped at the opportunity to have a CCA chapter right here in beautiful Oregon. Since our inception, I have been serving as your Secretary. This past year, I co-chaired the successful Motorfest event. However, I have always been actively involved in the many other events and

drives our club has organized. I feel that I have proven to everyone my commitment to make the club a success. Therefore, I would like to run for BMW Oregon CCA Vice-President. Along with the elected President, I hope to set further milestones for the club.

Current Board Positions: Secretary for BMW Oregon CCA, Membership Administrator for Oregon Region Porsche Club of America.

Past Board Positions: President and Vice President for the Paralegal Northwest Paralegal Association, NALA Liaison, Scholar Selection Director for Education First Scholarship Fund.

Other Organizations: BMW Car Club of America, Porsche Club of America, Oregon Women Lawyers, Oregon Asian Pacific American Bar Association, National Association of Legal Assistants, Paralegal Advisory Board for Portland Community College and Pioneer Pacific, Oregon Paralegal Association, and State of Oregon and Washington Notary.

Secretary

Nominee: Drew Lagravinese

Current Position: General Member

My name is Drew Lagravinese and I am running for club secretary. I have been an active member of the BMW CCA – Oregon Chapter since its inception. I have participated in club events since the beginning, driving on numerous road tours and attending chapter meetings and social events. I was the MC for the last Motorfest event in 2012 and also helped auction the items the club raffled off during the 2012 anniversary

dinner.

I am running for secretary because I am a firm believer in this club and what the BMW marquee stands for. I have made so many new friends in this club and I think that this is what we should be striving for, a club where like minded individuals get together to enjoy each other and our cars. I want the tours to be safe and enjoyable, not only for the drivers, but also the passengers and the general public. I also want the club to have a positive image in the community, both the automotive community and the community as a whole.

As a risk control consultant for a major insurance company, I spend my business life analyzing risk and writing detailed reports so that underwriters have a good understanding of the types of accounts they have been asked to underwrite. As such, I have a clear and concise writing style that I have polished over 33 years of writing reports. This makes me perfectly suited for the job of club Secretary.

Treasurer

Nominee: Trayson Harmon

Current Position: Treasurer

History I live in Vancouver and have worked in accounting as a CPA for over a decade. I love European cars, Jeeps, and sportbikes. My Estoril 98 M3 Cabriolet is my prized BMW possession. I stay active on various motorsport forums and have been an officer in the Oregon BMW CCA since its inception.

Why I want to run I feel that I have a lot to contribute to the leadership of the BMW Oregon CCA. I offer a unique per-

spective to the board and try to champion the younger generation of BMW club members. In addition to tracking finances, the board wants to focus more in the next term on budgeting and forecasting—which is an area where I have a significant amount of expertise.

Communications Director

Nominee: David Hows

Current Position: Communications Director

I have been in this position since May 2011 when I was appointed as a result of the previous director no longer being able to carry on in the role. I would like to continue improving the newsletter, website and email communications for our club.

I have been a member of the BMW CCA since the early 90's, long before the Oregon Chapter existed and even before the Puget Sound Chapter was created. I didn't start participating in any club activities until a couple Oregon Chapter meetings drew my attention in early 2011. I enjoy working with the other board members in developing fun and interesting events for our club members to enjoy and then making sure that the club is informed about all those activities.

Professionally I'm a technical project manager and have managed programs & projects ranging from web and software development, infrastructure, to outsourcing. I believe I'm uniquely qualified to further grow the communications and technical improvements for our club.

Ballot - (mail to: BMW CCA Elections, P.O. Box 5757 Portland OR 97228-5757. Postmark by January 17, 2013)

Your BMWCCA Membership Number: _____

President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Communications Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Bruce Feller	<input type="checkbox"/> Anh Le	<input type="checkbox"/> Drew Lagravinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Trayson Harmon	<input type="checkbox"/> David Hows

2012 BMWCCA Oktoberfest *by Tom Freedman, Member At Large*

Anyone interested in attending the Ultimate BMWCCA event planned for 2013? It's called Oktoberfest, and it will be held from August 19-24 in Monterrey, California. This will be a great opportunity for our chapter since it's relatively close to us this year. You can find a review of the 2011 Oktoberfest in the December 2012 issue of the Roundel Magazine.

This annual event typically features various track activities such as car control clinics, autocross, a TSD rally, and much more. There are many social events, too. The Monterey area is well known for wonderful tourist attractions, a spectacular climate, wineries, and some notable roads to enjoy.

Most of the details regarding this year's Oktoberfest are in development at this time, but will be forthcoming soon. There will be a regularly updated section on our chapter website, as well email information and discussion at our chapter meetings. Also, <http://www.bmwccaofest.org/> will have the latest information and registration information, so stay tuned.

The Oregon chapter will be planning a driving tour with our friends from the three Washington BMWCCA chapters (Puget Sound, Rattlesnake, and Inland Empire) heading down to Monterey, so stay tuned for the details about that. Should be a hoot!

Lodging in Monterey will be available at a special rate to those registering for the event. The details will be available when event registration opens in March.

The Event Hotel will be:

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on Del Monte Golf Course
1 Old Golf Course Road
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Tel: 831 372 1234



There will also be volunteer opportunities for members at the event. Information about this will be available at the time of registration.

So, if this sounds interesting (how could it not?), think about blocking some time this August and we'll have some serious BMW camaraderie this summer. I'm in!

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Covered Bridges Tour *by Brian Cone, President*

On October 20th, a fearless group (who were not afraid to get their cars wet) met in south Salem to take a sightseeing tour of 5 bridges in the Willamette Valley. Yes, we huddled near a door at Denny's to keep



Author's photo

dry, but even the unrelenting rain did not dampen our enthusiasm!

We are lucky to have 51 historic covered bridges in Oregon, the most of any state in the West. The bridges are survivors of approximately 600 built since the 1850s. Pioneers and road builders used

the abundant Douglas Firs to construct the bridges, and the remaining ones have been carefully restored. Many are still in service today. Driving through them gives us such an enjoyable and nostalgic feeling.

Our BMW tour took us to 5 bridges in Linn County:

- Gilkey Bridge (1936)
- Hoffman Bridge (1936)
- Larwood Bridge (1939)
- Shimaneck Bridge (1966)
- Hannah Bridge (1936)

The bridges were beautiful and we had fun driving through them. The Larwood Bridge has a nice park where we took a break to enjoy the scenery and socialize. We also stopped at the Hannah Bridge, our last on the tour before heading off to The Homeplace Restaurant in Springfield for lunch. Everyone enjoyed the Covered Bridges tour, our last of the season, and we are looking forward to new tours in 2013. Come and join us on a tour. If you have an idea for a tour, send a message to the Activities Director or chapter President. We need ideas for Southern and Eastern Oregon as well. See you next year!

Photos: David Hows



A Woman's Point of View

by Barb Feller



Photo: Cory Piazzese

Sometimes I find myself shaking my head and wondering what the fuss is all about when the guys get together and "drive".

Don't you?

I can't help myself. I try not to make a big deal when we all meet to go on that drive through the country and sip some wine... or the coast for some crab and chowder. But, I love it!

The women I have met on these drives are wonderful and exciting ladies!

I don't know about you, but I find making friends a little bit harder as we age. Making new friends should never stop. Meeting new people is the piece of life we all need to keep on going forward.

Come ladies; Drive with your honey and meet us. We would love to meet you.

SIG *(continued from page 2)*

Well yes Bill, we were just talking about that and yes, you can lead the first SIG of our young chapter. Wow, that part was easy! We don't often get leaders dropping in to say they want to help, but we sure could use more people like Bill, so please don't be shy, come on by.

Have you seen the 2002s at our last two NW Motorfest events, or at the Allure of the Automobile at the Portland Art Museum? These were the cars with their distinctive hoods that open in reverse, posing for the photo ops.



Photo: Portland Art Museum

What beautiful vehicles they are. The drivers of these cars promise that if you drive one, you will want one and you will be hooked. But you will also become an expert at "treasure hunting," searching for parts, and becoming a novice vintage car builder.

Bill Upton hit first gear and began contacting all the 02 owners we knew and planned a meeting. The group came together and at their first meeting defined themselves as vintage cars from 1976 (the last year the 2002 was produced) and older, thus changing the proposed SIG name from the 2002 SIG to the Vintage SIG. It was obvious to all that the famous 2002 was just one of many incredible BMW cars from that era, and we should encourage other vintage cars to join in.

Currently we have several other vintage

cars in the group, Vince Manley's 3.0CS and Gary Burke's 3.0CSi, are two of these beautiful vehicles. We are looking for more, so please pass the word.



Photo: Les Oltmann

Our first public event will be in 2013 and will be a Cars & Coffee meet-up. It will take place at a local coffee house in the Portland Metro area where we can park and chat and admire the vehicles. Let me know if you have that perfect place as we have not set the location yet. We will make an announcement in the next newsletter and on the website for an early Spring event. We invite you all to participate in this social event and come admire the cars.

A second Cars & Coffee will be planned later in the season as a destination drive for the vintage cars. We hope to see many of you at this event as well. We do have a Vintage SIG page on our website and hope to build this up to be the "go to" place for vintage information, activities and announcements.

The Vintage SIG is working on a logo to distinguish itself as a group within the

BMW CCA Oregon Chapter. This logo is being created by Vince Manley. I think you will agree he is on the right track. The image below is a third rendition of what the logo may look like. We plan to release the final approved art at our Anniversary Banquet on January 26th. This logo will be available on T-shirts, hats, and car window stickers. They will be available to every member in the BMW CCA.

Our next Vintage SIG meeting will be at:

Location:

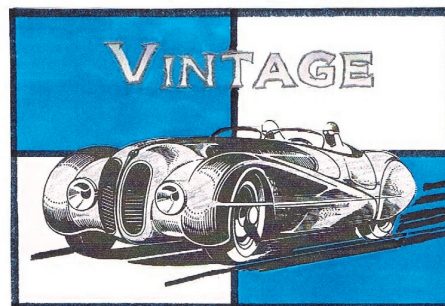
Macadam Grill – (private room)
5833 SW Macadam Avenue
Portland, OR 97239

Date and Time:

January 17, 2013 (Thursday)
Food/Drinks at 6:00 PM, arrive early to order dinner
Convene at 7:00 PM
End at 9:00 PM

Everyone is invited; you do not need to have a vintage BMW.

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Coming Events & Meetings

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Description</i>
1/9/13	Macadam Grill	Board Meeting
1/15/13	TBD	General Meeting
1/17/13	Macadam Grill	Vintage SIG Meeting
1/26/13	Stockpot Broiler	Anniversary Banquet
2/13/13	Macadam Grill	Board Meeting
2/19/13	TBD	General Meeting
2/21/13	Macadam Grill	Vintage SIG Meeting


To find our more or register to attend any of these events, go to www.bmworegoncca.com/club-events.

Volunteers Needed!

Want to help make the BMW CCA Oregon Chapter better? We have several open positions that need to be filled to move our club to the next level. Current positions include:

- Events Director
- Regional Event Coordinators in Southern and Central Oregon
- Marketing Director and Assistants
- Event Photographers


The BMW CCA Oregon Chapter is still young. Help shape the future of our club and make it better for all members. Contact a current board member or send an email to communications@bmworegoncca.com to find out how you can contribute!



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