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BMW CCA Oregon member Mark Koepping took this great shot at The Festorics in Monterey!(See page 4, 10 for more)

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President's Message

Another Summer is in the books. They seem to be going by faster each year but perhaps it is because of how busy the Summers are, especially with the events we hold as a chapter. The Vintage Racing Series, The Rose Cup Races, the 170 mile long Manzanita Tour and hike, the Maryhill Loops Road weekend, and MotorFest, to name just a few. And for many of our Oregon Chapter members, Pebble Beach, Festorics, and Oktoberfest in Monterey. September had the Garage tour at Peter's Hobby Shop, as well as the Oregon Festival of Cars.

The Oregon Chapter had a great showing at Oktoberfest this year, the 100 year celebration of the brand. We had Concours winners and big-time raffle winners, we had first time car control clinic and HPDE participants, and an amazing road trip to and from the bay area.

But we are not quite yet done. October will bring us the highly anticipated Fall Colors Tour, as well as several events still in the planning phase. December will feature the Toy Drive, organized by Boyd Motor Werks once again. Check our web calendar for the remaining events for the year and please come out and join us.

As we transition into Fall and the end of the year, we also look forward to our bi-annual Board of Director elections and welcoming in a new leadership group



to continue the momentum we have built. I have certainly enjoyed my two years as Chapter President and value the friendships I have found within our membership.

I joined the board as an event volunteer 5 years ago, helping as a sweeper on some of our tours, and never thought I would be in the position I hold now, I encourage you to consider volunteering as an event volunteer, tour leader or sweeper, as a volunteer Board Member or as an elected Board Member, Our chapter runs on the horsepower of volunteers and as our calendar grows and we become increasingly more active, we look for the enthusiasm and energy of our members to drive us forward.

Information about the elections will be coming soon, as will information about our 2017 calendar planning meeting in November, which is open to all members for their input and suggestions. The planning meeting may be an easy way to step into the

leadership group of our chapter and provide new and fresh ideas around attracting and retaining members, the type of events we hold and where, and how to generate excitement for the chapter.

Thanks for making the Sumer of 2016 highly memorable and I'll see you on the Fall Colors Tour.

Fall Colors Tour Tom Freedman

Come out and join us for a tour featuring scenic views, fall colors and twisting adventures. Our route will be a modified reprise of the Gorge Tour to The Dalles club trip from last year's tour.

We'll start out by winding around the Bull Run area of Clackamas County, then heading out the interstate for a rest stop in Cascade Locks. After that we're off to Mosier for some fabulous scenery and more German Motor Car fun to take us into The Dalles for lunch. After lunch we'll get one more dose of the good stuff via the old Scenic Highway on the way back home.

It's recommended that folks consider moderating Caffine before the start. There will be restrooms at the park where we'll start, but our first leg will be a little prolonged. Just sayin!

October 29 2016, 9:00 AM Columbia Park, 1900 SW Cherry Park Road, Troutdale, OR 97060 Driver's meeting - 8:30 AM

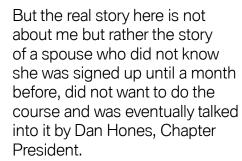
Member Musings Drew Lagravinese Photos: Drew Lagravinese

It has been a while since I have written a column for the newsletter. Really not much to talk about. Went on a tour or two, did Motorfest, you know, the normal BMW CCA Oregon stuff. Then came Oktoberfest, the annual BMW CCA event that this year was held in Monterey, CA and now I have something to write about!

Three years ago, we came down to Oktoberfest and we (the spouse and me) did virtually nothing outside the social package. For three years I have been kicking myself for having lost the opportunity to have some fun with the car. This year I vowed to do something different, and I did. First, I signed up for the Car Control Clinic (and also signed up a spouse who was not aware that she was going to participate!). I also signed up for Michelin hot laps around Laguna Seca race track. Lastly, I decided that we would do the fun rally.



Car Control Clinic is basically the Tire Rack Street Survival (www.streetsurvival.org) course that has been modified from a teen drivers course to an adult driver course. You learn how your car reacts to different situations (emergency stops, evasive maneuvers, skid pad) and basically how to be a better driver. I had a ton of fun, and learned that my car is a lot more forgiving that I thought it was and handles a lot better than I ever knew.



The story goes something like this: Spouse finally says she will do it, sits in the class, gets in the FUN BMW with a lady instructor and goes around the course at about the speed of a snail. About 2 hours later, same instructor has been around the course 4-5 times with the spouse and the day is coming to its end.

Spouse has one more try at the course and Susan Hones hops in the car with her. Spouse ends up on the skid pad with the tires happily chirping away. Instructor comes running over and gives her a big hug (and says spouse has made her day!) and spouse is a happy camper, with a huge smile on her face and a new appreciation for why I enjoy driving our 325 Ci vert so much. The course works people. If you have a teen with a new license, I recommend that you sign them up for this course. It is money very well spent.

Many thanks to the volunteers who put on the Car Control Clinic. Their guidance for all of us

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was so helpful and appreciated. On particular note is a volunteer I only know as Jaynee from I believe the Buckeye Chapter. She went around the course with my wife from the start and never left her side. Her gentle quidance helped my wife blossom as a driver and her help is deeply appreciated.

Hot laps is a way for Michelin to show off their new tires. Didn't care about the tires (I have Michelins on both BMWs anyway), I just wanted to ride around the track with a guy who knew what he was doing. What a hoot and not as scary as I thought it would be. You are with guys who are racing on the track for two laps (for FREE!). Great experience. Over way too soon.

Fun rally is a road rally you run on your own. Answer the questions/ take photos and compete with others or just do it as a drive. We did it as a drive for fun. Great CA coast scenery as well as beautiful (and expensive houses). Only 40 miles or so and the weather was

great. Another fun Oktoberfest experience.

So the lesson learned here is this. You can go on a trip and just do the minimal amount and end up regretting that you did not take full advantage of what was offered, or you can check out the program, find something that looks like fun and take a chance that you might learn something and have some fun doing it. I am glad I took the second option this time.

The same goes for our tours. You can look at the calendar and decide that you have other things to do, or the tour is too long, etc. or you can take a chance that you might have fun and meet some new friends. Trust me, you will have fun and met new friends.

Many thanks to all of the Oregon BMC CCA members who traveled down to CA for the week (or maybe longer). While it is fun to meet new people, it is equally fun to hang out with old friends. We had a great time and can't wait to do it again.

New Members

Abbate, Mike Albertson, Ben B August, Jacob Ben-Hamou, Noam Bergan, Dean Bergler, Tim Bizon, Kyle Blair, John Boitano, Chris Brewer, Pat Cappel, William Casey, Jordan Clary, Troy Corey, David S Covello, Abe Cummings, Dwight Currie, David M d'Autremont, Gene d'Autremont, Neil Demshki, Michael Dodge, David L. Jr. Dunham, J. Jr. Dve. Vince Elkington, Connor Grav, Roosevelt Green, Daniel Fontana, Ronald Hansen, Richard C Heron, Chris Hutchinson, Wanrachnee Jasper, Daniel Jones, Keith E Jones, Yaphet Kaplon, Jim H Karlin, Christopher Kleinheinz, Stephen J Mahar, Michael S Mastrantonio, Jim Mcleod, Matthew Mercer-Deadman, Jeremy Miller, Mac Moore, Scot A Moss, Michael

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Michelle Smith, Automotive Artist

Buck Bailey, Photos: Buck Bailey

Michelle Smith is a very talented illustrator and artist living in the Portland area. Her hand-drawn custom car portraits capture the beauty and design of great cars throughout automotive history. Her ability to capture dazzling chrome and deep paint reflections add depth, expression, and emotion to her pieces.

I commissioned Michelle to create a portrait of my e30 325is and was thrilled at how it turned out. We recently sat down over lunch and chatted about automotive art and love of all-things-car-design. Following is our conversation...



How did you become interested in car art?

It was actually my husband who suggested this topic to me!
Every year we stay with his aunt and uncle in their cabin in Ocean Park, WA. We go during the Rod Run to the End of the World classic car event that takes place

every September. Last year's trip I happened to bring along my color pencils and sketch pad. We were talking about different categories that I could explore with my new found passion, and classic cars was one of them.

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Motorfest 7

Dan Hones



The 7th annual Northwest BMW Motorfest was held on a spectacular Saturday in August and attracted a great turn-out for a record setting temperature day. We may have sweltered just a bit in the heat on the asphalt at Golden Valley Brewery in Beaverton, but that did not diminish the enthusiasm or size of the crowd.

45 cars full of happy drivers and navigators participated in the morning's sold out tour, led by Tour Master Cory Piazzese, through Portland's meandering West Hills. Upon their arrival back at Golden Valley, they were greeted by entertainment from ProDJs, quality food and beverage from Golden Valley, and the chapter's famous raffle, generously sponsored this year by Boyd Motor Werks, ProTek Automotive and your very own BMW CCA Oregon Chapter.

The raffle helped generate much needed funds for Northwest Family Services, our charity recipient this year. Thank you to all who contributed and supported the raffle in buying tickets, and waiting in the heat for the raffle results while enjoying the Roundel cakes.

Neil from Sidedraught City brought his well stocked pop-up shop full of Griot's Garage goodies for sale, and Don and Debbie from Hooked on Driving brought their track-prepped Lotus for all to admire, and try to squeeze into, as well as talking about their upcoming HPDE events. Hooked on Driving provides an attractive discount to active chapter members. Contact the Chapter President for the special discount code.

What makes Motorfest such a great event is the people who attend and the cars they bring. We had pretty much every type of current BMW model in the show lot, as well as many vintage and specialty cars from all across Oregon and Washington. We are looking to change up the format for Motorfest 8 next year, so stay tuned for exciting information about next year's event.



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Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance

Brian Cone, Photos: Brian Cone



well.

1995 E34 M5 Touring

Our displays were very

impressive and drew many

spectators. The ropes were

down around the display corral

so that spectators could come

up and closely look at our cars

and information table helped to

Participants in the judged corral

spent many hours detailing and

correcting minor defects before

driving into the corral (up to early

and ask questions. Our club tent

bring in several new members as

The theme for this year's Forest Grove Concours was "Allure of the Autobahn – Speed and Style – Celebrating German Automotive Excellence". This was a perfect venue to show our BMW's to the public as this is what BMW's are all about.

The Oregon CCA Chapter was given the opportunity to find cars for judged and non-judged corrals. Dave MacIntyre and I pulled in all of their connections to find excellent quality cars. Many months were spent contacting prospective participants, looking for great cars, and lining up registration commitments. In the end, we had over 20 great cars between the 2 corrals. Some of the most spectacular cars included:

- 1981 M1
- 2002 Z8
- 1987 Alpina C2 2.7
- 1974 2002 Turbo
- 1965 1800 Ti/SA
- 1989 E30 M3
- 1972 3.0 CS
- 1975 3.0 CSL Race Car

morning before the event for some). All of the cars looked fabulous and very impressive.

Four judges looked extensively over the cars, discussed their observations and decided who would win a trophy. Points were so close that they actually awarded Second Place to two cars!

Judging results:

- 1. 1981 M1 owned by Peter Gleeson
- 2. 1965 1800 Ti/SA owned by Steve Walker and a 1974 2002 Turbo owned by Byron Sandborn
- 3. 1971 2002 owned by Sean McCarthy

Peter's M1 was completely original with low miles, his "best" M1 (as he owns 4). He actually drove it down from Seattle early Saturday morning! We were so fortunate that Peter decided to participate as he had a very hectic summer displaying his



Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance Continued

cars at other concours events (including Pebble Beach and Amelia Island). All of the cars in the judged corral looked fantastic so deciding which ones deserved a trophy must have been very difficult.

Additionally, Steve Walker won a special award: the Allen Stephens Chairman's Choice Award for his original 3.0 CSL race car. Quite an honor! This year, I attended the Saturday Road Tour. The tour included over 50 cars from the concours on Sunday. Starting in downtown Forest Grove, the destination was Elk Cove Vineyard outside of Gaston.

What a spectacular drive it was!





Some of the most eclectic and exotic cars from the concours participated in the drive, including John Shirley's 1960 250 GT LWB California convertible and 2 Mercedes 300 SL Gullwing Coupes. I followed a 1925 Amicar Roadster; it was so old and had such narrow tires. that I was wondering if it could complete the tour. Well, yes, it drove very well and kept up with the touring pace. We enjoyed a great lunch and time to meet many of the owners of such a variety of cars.

Our BMW Chapter is planning on participating in next year's Concours. We will keep you posted. Until then, happy motoring!

Oregon Festival of Cars Brian Cone. Photos: Brian Cone

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The Oregon Festival of Cars, held September 23rd to 25th, is one of the best events in the Pacific NW for car enthusiasts. It



is an opportunity to gather and enjoy the celebration of many types of fun and eclectic cars. The event is informal and has a special appeal as a great way for enthusiasts to enjoy the company of like-minded car people without the worry of preparing cars for formal judging.

The weekend started Friday morning at Ron Tonkin Grand Turismo in Wilsonville. After walking around the dealership looking at very cool Ferrari's and Maserati 's, the group of over 50 cars took off on a self-guided tour around Mt Hood to the Erickson Air Collection

in Madras. The museum has a great collection of historical airplanes and memorabilia.

After a catered lunch, the group departed for Bend. The first destination was the "Beer Wash", with beer provided by RTGT and Griot's Garage products supplied by Neil d'Autremont from Sidedraught City. Cars and drivers were happy!

The Friday evening reception was held in Club Carrera at the Kendal Motors Porsche/BMW/

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Monterey Car Week and BMW Octoberfest

David S. Macintyre, Photos: David S. Macintyre

Once again we were fortunate enough to be able to go to Monterey for part of the Monterey Car Week and for BMW Oktoberfest. Our journey started last summer, before the end of Monterey Car Week, when we booked our house for 2016. That set the stage to plan our trip in 2016.

We had a limited amount of vacation days, so we opted for the one day drive from Portland to Monterey. Vince Manley drove his '72 3.0cs coupe, I drove my '85 euro 635csi, and Art Cortez drove his 850i down on Wed 8/17. David Hows has been working on a heavily modified euro e30 coupe with the S54 engine, and was hoping to drive it down. Unfortunately the project was not quite complete and he was not able to drive it, so he rode down in our cars, and did a little driving. Other than one little issue with a fuel line on Vince's car, our classic cars did the job, and got us to Monterey.



Thursday is a very cool day in Monterey. It's the day of the Pebble Beach Tour. We rolled out of bed around 8 AM, had some coffee, and drove a couple of miles to the Pebble Beach Club house, where we watched the Pebble Beach cars drive out on the tour. It's great to see these cars out on the lawn, but I really like seeing them on the road. Later in the day we drove to Ocean Avenue in Carmel to see the Pebble Beach Tour cars while they were parked downtown. It's part of the tradition of the Pebble event to park the cars on Ocean Ave and have them available for the public to view for free. This is

a tradition that I hope will stay, it's very cool.

The cars leave Ocean Ave at 2:00 in the afternoon, so what's the best thing to do after a morning of looking at cars? Look at more cars! So off to Mecum we went. They had a great lineup of cars. We were able to watch some nice cars go across the block. I looked at an '88 M6 with 28K miles on it that crossed the block the next day with a hammer price of \$90K, a record for an e24.

On Friday morning we headed out early to Legends of the Autobahn. We figured we'd get there early so we had time to wipe the bugs off our cars from the 750 mile trip before the show. It was a great show, the biggest turnout we've seen at Legends. There were over 50 e9 coupes alone. I think our favorite cars from the show were the green e34 M5 Wagon, and the green on green e24 M6. There were some fantastic Alpina cars. Mercedes, and Audi, We had a good showing of Oregon Chapter members at Legends,



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including Wendy Martin who was judging 2002s. With 14 judged cars in that class, I'm sure it was a long day for her.

Something we learned on our first trip to Monterey is that you can't attend every event, and you usually can't see every car at an event. The advice I'd give to anyone heading down there, is if you find someone that is interesting to talk to, or a car that catches your interest, spend the time to enjoy that, and don't worry about the car you didn't see. Relax, go until you've had enough, go home and have a beer, then hit it fresh the next day. By the end of Mecum we were almost to the point of overload.

Our next day was Saturday at the Festorics. Quite a change to go from the displays on the golf course to the track. There was a huge turnout of BMWCCA members. Seeing the M1s and E9s going around the track was really cool. Steve Walker from Oregon, and some of the guys from Seattle where down racing their vintage BMWs. BMW had a very cool display that include the 2002 Homage, and an Art Car



Sunday was the big event,
Pebble Beach. Vince, David and
I volunteer at Pebble as Field
Hosts. Nothing like driving golf
carts around multi-million dollar
cars as the sun is rising to get
your blood pumping! As usual
Pebble was spectacular. It is
definitely a bucket list
experience.

As Field Hosts we interact with the car owners, and the cool thing is that even through the owners are mega rich and have very expensive cars, most of them are pretty down to earth car guys. Some of the highlights for the day were watching the interview with Adam Corolla and Jay Leno (Adam's Lamborghini Muira SV was in my class), and watching Vince push a car across the stage. Two CCA members from the Puget Sound Chapter ended up winning awards for their cars at Pebble, Peter Gleason took Second place in the Postwar Centennial BMW with his 1974 BMW 3.0 CSL Karman Batmobile Coupe, and Byron Sanborn took third with his 1974 BMW 2002 Turbo Coupe (this car was also on display and placed at Forest

Grove). Congrats to our NW friends.

Monday and Tuesday were pretty quiet. I went up to the Dinan Tour with Mark Koepping in his M6 (with working AC this year!). The Dinan team were great hosts. Tuesday was a full day of car cleaning. A big thank you to David Hows who could have sat in a chair and drank beer watching me and Vince clean our cars, but instead helped out by cleaning the wheels on both of our cars!

Wednesday was the Oktoberfest Concours. It was held at a winery, and was a fun time. Vince and I both competed in the "clean" class, which means they judge the outside of the car, and the interior, but not the engine bay or trunk. The fact that we drove 750 miles definitely helped our scores, and we both ended up winning our classes. I can't tell you how cool it was to hear so many Oregon Chapter members cheering when we got the awards! We must have had the most members attending from a single chapter.

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Oregon Festival of Cars

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Audi/VW dealership. It was a great opportunity to meet fellow participants and look at cool cars on display next to the dinner tables.

Saturday morning was car show time. It was great! Sunny, warm, cool breeze, the weather couldn't Many spectators stopped by our have been better. My 11 volunteers were at their stations by 7:00 AM on the Broken Top Golf Club grounds to direct participants to their parking spaces on the driving range of the golf course. The carefully parked cars were around the vendor and food tents in a very pleasing pattern, looking great. The vendor's cars were parked in front of their tents, which included Ron Tonkin Grand Turismo and German Master Tech.

We had a record number of cars: 150 participants and 50 vendor cars this year. This included many cars from the Porsche Club as well. Vince Manley was selected to drive up to the stage to be interviewed about his 3.0

CS. That was quite an honor.

This year's Oregon Festival of Cars was a turning point for our BMW CCA Oregon Chapter. For the first time, we had our BMW Club tent and table set up and 6 of our member's cars on display. tent, asked about our club, and took membership forms and copies of our newsletter and Roundel. Plus, 2 members discussed their plans to expand our activities in the Central Oregon area. Increasing our presence in Central Oregon is important for us to satisfy the needs of members in this area, and the OFOC was a great way

to promote this plan.

Our Masters of Ceremonies this year were Pau Duchene (who was the featured speaker at one of our annual banquets), and Mark Scholz (Cars and Coffee organizer). The Dan Balmer Band provided pleasing music for the hundreds of spectators and participants as well.

My favorite cars were a new Porsche 918 and a 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz convertible. The car show was a huge success! With cool cars on the golf course lawn next to the lake, it was a beautiful and classy setting.

The Saturday evening banquet was held in the Broken Top Restaurant. Great food and conversation was supported by Dan Balmer's music. OFOC Chairman, John Draneas, presented awards, such as People's Choice and the Ron Tonkin Best Italian awards, to some of the special and unique cars on the field. Keith Martin, from Sports Car Market



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Magazine, gave a great speech about the about how he appreciated the quality of this event and all of the work that the organizers did to run this event. He really enjoyed attending our event (and not needing to work). Very fun evening indeed!

A portion of the proceeds went to our featured charity: The Humane Society of Central Oregon, who has helped



neglected animals for over 55 years. They participated in running the event as well by parking the spectator's cars.

The Sunday Dash took us on some wonderful back roads. About 50 cars pulled off to the side of the road outside Sisters to regroup (getting lots of attention), then we took off down

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Michelle Smith, Automotive Artist

I felt challenged and had to see for myself what I could do. This 1930 Cord L29 Formal Sedan was my first go at illustrating cars. I became hooked and haven't stopped since.

What are your favorite brands/models/eras?

I love cars from the 1930s the most because of their sweeping curved fenders and flowing elegance. A couple examples are the Bentley 8 Litre and the Cadillac V-16. I also love Corvettes from the 50s and 60s.

When I look at a car, or really anything that I will be illustrating, my artistic mind breaks apart the object by its coloring, highlights, shadows, shapes, lines and curves. I love the challenge of illustrating cars



because to get the reflection of light bouncing off of a surface and make it look realistic on paper is quite the process to go through. This drawing of a 63 split-window corvette is a great example of that.

What do you like about bmw's in particular?

I have always appreciated the styling behind BMW, especially the last several years. Where other car companies started to round out their designs, or even become boxy, BMWs have stayed sleek, edgy, and trim.

Being a visual person, I love the play of light and shadow, so when I heard the term 'flame surfacing", I said "That's it! That's what I love!" It's the play of lines that captures the eye, but also has these beautiful concave and convex details within the panels that bends light around for a more intense effect. For me, the 6 Series are my favorites. Every time I see one go by I say to my husband "oooooh, that's beautiful." He likes the i8 too, heh...well, yeah...they are simply spectacular.

What's a special car memory from your past?

My brother had a 1960 white Thunderbird with white and red leather interior. I was really young when he had it, but I have these excellent memories of riding around town in this beautiful, but

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New and Returning Members

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Oregon Festival of Cars Continued

Hwy 242 through the lava fields. Our destination was the Belknap Hot Springs Lodge and Gardens.

Located off of Hwy 126, the hotel and hot springs along with cabins and camping sites are set in beautiful wooded areas. While hiking down one of the paths, we found the "Hidden Garden". The site was built many years ago in a Greek revival style with ponds,

fountains, and lonic columns. Quite peaceful. A buffet lunch allowed us to sit, relax, and tell stories. It was a great way to end the weekend. Then it was time to say goodbye until next year.

Mark your calendar for next year's Oregon Festival of Cars during the weekend of September 16th. We hope to have more BMW friends attend so please join us.

Michelle Smith, Automotive Artist Continued

huge, white car. The windows were down, the radio was blasting classic rock, and I was just a content little sister riding with her big brother. I also remember playing in the backseat with my toys because, to a little kid, it was massive inside!

For more information, point your

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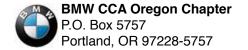




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