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President's Message

Dan Hones, President



Spring is in the air. Finally. And that means it's time to dust off the driving gloves and get the car ready for one of the many events and tours we have on the calendar for 2016.

The next three months feature a wide range of BMW related activities. Hooked On Driving will quench your thirst for on-track driving opportunities, and our popular Wine Tour organized and led by chapter Vice President Buck Bailey will quench your thirst for some amazing Oregon wines and some equally amazing rolling country roads. Keep an eye on our club calendar for upcoming details and registration information on these and all of our events.

This past February, the chapter celebrated our sixth anniversary of being a nationally recognized chapter of the BMW CCA. Founding chapter President Brian Cone made it possible for us to celebrate this milestone, and celebrate we did. Organized by chapter Secretary Nancy Piazesse and Buck Bailey, the attendees enjoyed great live music, fantastic and creative food offerings, a raffle, and a world class auction led by Auctioneer

Wendie Martin. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this annual event happen. Thanks to the generous contributions by our valued partners to the raffle and auction, we were able to extend our financial support to Northwest Family Services, which will allow them to continue to provide support and care for the many families in need in Oregon. See page 7 for a complete list of contributing companies and individuals.

So get your car over to Gallagher Auto Spa for a probably much needed spring-cleaning detail, or get your Griot's Garage products from Neil at Sidedraught City and do it yourself, and we will see you on the Wine Country Tour.

New and Renewing Members

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Wine Country Tour Buck Bailey, Photos: Buck Bailey



The North Willamette Valley is home to beautiful farms, estate wineries, quaint towns, curvy roads, and of course some of the best wines in the world. We've planned a progressive wine tasting tour on May 7, 2016 along an amazing route you'll be sure to enjoy. This year's tour boasts even more seat time enjoying fast sweeping country blacktop and twisty roller-coaster back roads.

We'll start off on the flanks of Chehalem Mountain, twist our way over the Bald Peak scenic area, and glide thru sweeping countryside to Carlton. Lunch, tastings, and specialty gifts are available within a two-block walk in this quaint town. We'll do the Red Hills "coaster" to several wineries in the Dundee area, then run through the bucolic farmlands and foothills around Amity to McMinnville. Historic 3rd Street will play host to our hungry group again this year for dinner.

Join us for a great day of touring and tasting in the Wine Country!

Tour Start

The tour starts at Raptor Ridge Winery at 11 a.m. We enjoyed this winery so much we've selected it as our starting place again. Situated on the flanks of Chehalem Mountain, Raptor Ridge offers long range views of Mt. Hood, Adams, and St. Helens. The open-air tasting room features an expansive terrace looking out on rolling hillside estate vineyards and old growth forests. Maps will be available and the route and options explained in more detail.

To Carlton

This amazing one-hour loop takes us across Chehalem Mountain for a fun jaunt along its twisty roads. Enjoy breathtaking views past Bald Peak State Scenic Area. We'll twist our way down the mountain and around through

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Manzanita Coast Tour and Hike

Tom Freedman, Photos: oregonhiking.com, expoloremanzanita.com

A straight line may be the shortest distance between two points, but not the most fun for driving enthusiasts. Join us on June 25th for a drive ito the quaint hamlet of Manzanita on the beautiful Oregon coast over some interesting and novel entertaining roads. Enjoy the 125 mile trip with an excellent combination of twists and turns in addition to some nice rural and forest scenery in the north Willamette valley and coast range.

We'll be traveling over a less familiar paved route over the coast range partly along the Nestucca river. We will arrive in Manzanita for lunch time at the San Dune Pub. (http://www.sandunepub.com/). This is a 21 and over establishment. For anyone bringing children, there are other restaurants located in the immediate area. This is a one way tour.



Has your doctor mentioned that most of us spend too much time each day sitting around? Well, with that in mind, we'll be offering a healthy option for those so inclined. After lunch (weather permitting) we'll meet at the Neahkahnie mountain trailhead for a fabulous scenic hike.

Bring you rucksack, water bottle, snacks, appropriate footwear and outdoor clothing. Please be prepared for cool windy weather.

(Hypothermia will be severely punished). The 3 mile round trip hike includes 900 feet of elevation gain. This is by no means an extreme outdoor adventure, however like any outdoor activity participants should be be prepared. For more details log on to:

http://www.oregonhiking.com/oregon-adventures/100-hikes-on-the-oregon-coast/north-coast-hikes/ neahkahnie-mountain-hike

This drive is for BMW CCA members only. Passengers do not need to be members. We will gather for a driver's meeting behind the Starbuck's in Tigard, 15350 SW Sequoia, at 8:30am with a 9:00am departure. There is plenty of parking behind the coffee shop.

We recommend moderation in the use of caffeine prior to departure. There will be rest stops alone the way.



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6th Annual Anniversary Party

Nancy Piazzese Photos: Janette Teevan

The Portland Chapter held its 6th Annual Anniversary Party on February 27. It was a stellar event at Curelean Wine Bar in the Pearl.



We selected late February for celebrating our chapter's formation, as we shed the winter doldrums and look forward to all the drives and get-togethers we've scheduled for the year. It's also a great way to reconnect with friends and meet new members. As a result of our member participation, we have been able to increase our coffers. thus allowing us to put on some pretty cool events. It also allows us to make generous donations to various charities throughout the year. Don't forget, we can get matching contributions from BMW CCA!

This year was quite the celebration. We had a great time eating the specially prepared menu of appetizers, hot and cold main dishes, and dessert; listening to live jazz; and socializing with fellow members and invited guests.

Entertainment was provided by Portland's own Dan Balmer. The

smooth jazz of his trio was a perfect setting for eating, drinking, and socializing; and for viewing the art in the gallery space, as well as perusing the terrific auction and raffle packages.

Speaking of auction and raffle, returning auctioneer Wendie Martin whipped up the crowd with professional and personable flair

Before the auction began, we held raffles for the first two packages featuring products and services from Cerulean, Elements, Sisters Coffee, Verdun, Columbia Sportswear, Munich Motorworks, and Three Otters.

Auction packages included:
Trailblazer tickets with parking
and food certificates donated by
Wendie Martin, Hooked on
Driving Day Pass, Griots car
cleaning kit from Sidedraught,
Matrix discounts, Autohaus

Bayern certificate for oil change, Freeman Motors with certificates for their service center and auto spa. We also included certificates to the Stockpot restaurant at Red Tail Golf, and LOTS of wine and wine tastings from Angela Estate, Domaine Roy, and Monk's Gate Winery. The big surprise of the night was from Gallagher Auto Spa--not only did they donate a full auto detail for one winner, but threw in a duplicate donation on the spot for a second winner!

Following the auction, and more eating, drinking, and socializing, we got down to business with the conclusion of the Raffle. Packages included a wine country gourmet basket, tickets to LeMay Car Museum, ProTek merchandise, wine from Kramer Winery, home design consultation from Buck Bailey, admission to World of Speed, Portland Timbers tickets, Three Otters wine from Fullerton, Rhom Innovation certificate.



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Columbia Sportswear apparel, an oil change and Justice Brothers Service performed by Freeman Motors, and full flight tastings from Hawkins Cellars.

Many thanks go out to our sponsors and donors to this premier event, several of whom attended as our guests, and were winners of some of the prizes. We received a generous cash donation from BMW Portland which helped

us make enough to make our chapter donation of \$300 to NW Family Services.

It's a lot of work to organize and ensure the success of such a major event: Volunteers to secure a venue and music, and to set the menu, budget, and timeline; Volunteers who procured phenomenal goods from sponsors and donors; Computer expertise for MSR registration, e-mail notifications,

and social media to get the word out; publishing the notice in our Newsletter and on our Website; developing spreadsheets to keep everything straight. Thank you all for your commitment!

This is one more reason to join the Oregon (or your local)
Chapter of BMW CCA. It's not only because of the cars, but the people who drive them. We hope to see you all next year!

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Club Car Spotlight: 1997 M3

Tyler Um, Photos: Tyler Um



This is your first car. Why did you choose an E36?

Before I bought the car I was looking into E30s, E28s and E36s as a potential first car. A few weeks later a good friend of mine said he wanted to get rid of this E36 M3 project car he had, since it needed a lot of work to get it driving again.

First cars are often projects. I have taken the car to events and it's driven the road and did you add any mods? I have taken the car to events and it's driven fantastically, and hope to chance to drive it o

We ended up making a really good deal on the car and in the next few weeks put it back to driving condition. When we bought the car, the previous

owner had already installed a Dinan Stage 2 intake and tune, along with a Remus exhaust and a few AC Schnitzer parts. So far this is how the car sits but I plan on adding suspension mods in the future.

Have you taken out on track for a driver education day or autocross event?

I have taken the car to autocross events and it's driven fantastically, and hopefully I'll get to chance to drive it on the track soon.

What has been the best road trip so far?

The coolest trip I've ever taken was a drive around Crown Point with a group of friends. It was the first chance I got to really push the car as I tried keeping up with my friends Porsche Cayman GT4 in front of me.

Some people might feel that an M3 and a high school student might be a scary combination. What do you think?

As far as owning a BMW in high school, I know many people would see it as too much car for someone at this age. However I think owning a powerful or fast Club Car Spotlight: 18 Valves and 800 Horsepower
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car is all about understanding how it behaves. If you can understand how your car will react and how to handle it properly, then there's no limit on what kind of car you can drive, regardless of age.



E36 1997 M3 Arctic Silver

Designer: Ulf Weidhase Horsepower: 240 HP Engine: 3.2L I6

Torque: 225 lb-ft Wheelbase: 106.3" Curb Wt: 3,219 Lbs



Recent statistics showed that less than 10% of teens want to learn to drive a manual transmission and it's very likely that the vast majority of your peers will never use a clutch. Was a manual important to you?

When searching for my car the first thing on the criteria list was that it had to be a manual. I won't say that every single car should have a manual transmission, and there's some cars out there that are far better suited to automatic or duel clutch gearboxes, but to me, nothing can replace the feeling of shifting gears, or getting the perfect heel toe downshift.



On top of this, manual transmissions give you overall more control over the vehicle and can be a safer option than an automatic, hence why I feel it's a useful skill for anyone to learn. I learned how to drive manual fairly quickly and

have yet to stall my E36, which proves that with the right practice, anyone can learn very easily and there's no excuse not to.

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Scouts Automotive Merit Badge Event

Dan Sides, Photos: Dan Sides

On Saturday, February 20, eleven Oregon Chapter Club members met at Tyler's Automotive in Tigard, Oregon to teach 24 Boy Scouts about all things automotive. The Club volunteers were there for a one-day Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge event where the Scouts learned about everything from brakes and tires to fuel injection and suspension.

It was a full day of instruction starting at 8:45 AM and running until 5 PM with 6.5 hours of instruction spread over the day. The event was organized into six different teaching "stations" where Club volunteers taught about the different systems in a car. The Scouts were divided into small groups (called "patrols") that rotated through all six stations over the course of the day. Member Gary Burke described the boys expertise as ranging from "budding enthusiasts" to "complete neophytes."

The instruction was fast paced,

but hands-on. Activities included changing oil, checking belts and hoses, changing tires and even adjusting toe. Assistant Scoutmaster Larry Morris said "I've never seen our boys as focused or interested in working on a Merit Badge."

Scoutmaster Jamie Laflin had a slightly different take on the event saying "I can't believe my car still runs after the Scouts got a hold of it."

Club member Gary Burke taught about firing sequences on his 1973 Chamonix 3.0 CS E9 coupe while member Vince Manley talked about suspension and steering on his SilverGrey E46 M3 convertible. Other instructors included members Kelby Mazella (combustion, belts and jump starting), Dave McIntyre (safety and cooling). Mark Koepping (brakes), and Sash Kazeminejad (fuel injection). Oregon Chapter VP Buck Bailey covered instrument panel metrics and awareness while Chapter President Dan



Hones talked about alignment and tires. Members Janette Teevan and Drew Lagravinese served as photographers for the event. Member Dan Sides was the organizer for the event and is also an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 419.

The club members also brought their own Bimmers for an informal car show in the parking lot. The Scouts ate pizza during lunch and ogled the BMWs while Club members talked about their individual cars and did their best



Scouts

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to convince the boys that BMW is the most prestigious marque on the planet. Member Drew Lagravinese is a former Assistant Scoutmaster and said of his combined interests in BMWs and Scouting, that it was "fun to be able to mix the two together for a day and see how well one meshes with the other."

This was the third time that Tyler Ellensen (owner of Tyler's Automotive) has hosted an Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge event, but it's the first



time that he's partnered with the BMW CCA and with Troop 419. Tyler's shop has 9 lifts and had more than enough room for the six teaching stations. Tyler and his sons Tanner and Trever (who are both former Eagle Scouts) also helped with instruction.

If you are interested in having your Chapter host a similar Boy Scout Merit Badge event, please email Dan Sides at drsides@ gmail.com.

DIY at MBI Motors

Samuel Chinakos, Jr., Photo: Dan Hones



On Saturday March 12th, our chapter had an DIY event hosted by MBI Motors, in Portland.

MBI opened in 1969 as a full service Mercedes Benz shop. In January of 2010, Corbin Lancaster and Debra Pannu made the long trip from Fort Lauderdale, Florida to Portland, Oregon to take over the operations at MBI Motors. Corbin has over 30 years of Mercedes Benz experience, working at Mercedes Benz of Fort Lauderdale and owning his own Mercedes-Benz and BMW repair shop as well.

They offer the latest in cutting edge technology and are growing their efforts to give the best service in town. They carry all original equipment parts—and if they don't have it, they can usually get it within a day. In addition, special ordered parts are commonly available overnight and their parts department can locate even the hardest to find part. The goal is to get you back on the road in style, comfort and

ease as soon as they can.

The first thing we all noticed was how clean and organized and well staffed this facility is. We were even greeted with coffee and doughnuts and then lunch later in the day.

Corbin Lancaster, owner of MBI, offered free vehicle inspections to our group and provided the use of 12 lifts. There was a product demonstrations by Russ Blackwell and Adam Perrault of BG Products. We were also given demos on a variety of oil and fuel system cleaners; a chemist's dream.

A few of us were lucky enough to tour the collection of cars upstairs, many hidden treasures.

MBI was very delighted to host us, and they look forward to participating in future events with our chapter. For more information, you can contact MBI at (503) 231-0444 or mbimotors.com.

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Photos by Tyler Um













2016 Tour to LeMay: BMW Centennial Celebration

Photos: americascarmuseum.org

Join BMWCCA Puget Sound members on Sunday, May 15 as we take over the display field at LeMay - America's Car Museum (ACM) for a huge BMW Centennial Celebration!

We plan to fill the entire display field with BMW cars and motorcycles. Cars will be parked on the grass in the center of the field, and around the edges. Parking will begin by 9:00 am at ACM rain or shine. BMW CCA Oregon members will meet at 8:00 am at Clark College in Vancouver Washington and head out at 8:30 am. A drivers meeting will be held before we head out around 8:20 am. Please remember to fill up before you arrive, as we will not be making any stops along the way. Miss this event and you'll have to wait another 100 years for the next time!

Our goal is to have as many people as possible drive to this event and park their BMWs on the display field. The big display field is for you, the members of the club, to simply park your cars and hang out with other BMW drivers. There will be no judging; we just want lots of BMWs and their owners to come out for a big birthday party!

Schedule:

9:00 Parking opens10:00 1st Raffle items12:00 Lunch available from food trucks onsite



1:00 100th Birthday cake served

2:00 Final raffle

2:30 Event over (but you can hang around)

Let Them Eat Cake

Note on the schedule that we are serving cake starting at 1:00. This won't be just any cake. These will be cakes with roundels! Yep, real official BMW birthday cakes.

Museum Discounts

ACM is discounting admission to the museum for all entrants.

Epic Swag

The swag for this event is going to be epic. While supplies last, each entrant of a BMW will receive a special BMW
Centennial commemorative hat.
But there's more! Entrants will also receive an event poster, commemorative tote bag, commemorative refer magnet and window decal with the BMW Centennial Celebration artwork

(all items limited to supplies on hand).

Miss all this cool stuff and your life may cease to have meaning. You need to be there.

Event Requirements

Registration ends ion May 13, 2016 11:59 PM PDT

This event is open to all BMW owners/drivers.

Almost Free! Pre-registration is only \$15 per car. Day of event registration is \$20 and on a space available basis. Only those who pre-register will be guaranteed to receive the Centennial commemorative hat.

So sign up today and reserve your spot on the lawn! Register at motorsportreg.com

Still have questions? For more information please contact Steve Libby at slibby57@gmail.com, or call 425.765.9629

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Wine Country Tour Continued

pastoral countryside to our second stop in Carlton.

Quickly becoming the center of North-Willamette wine country, Carlton is a former farming and logging town enjoying a renaissance. Lunch and wine tasting are available at a number of quaint wineries and restaurants all in a walkable two-block area. Mothers' Day is Sunday, find her a perfect gift in one of the specialty shops.

To Dundee

After enjoying lunch, we'll head up into the Red Hills for some roller-coaster inspired fun, then we'll land at Domaine Roy just outside Dundee. Their brandnew \$12 million facility is exemplary of modern northwest architecture, and offers commanding long-range views of the valley. We'll enjoy tasting their elegant pinots and touring their state of the art winemaking facilities.

We'll depart Domaine Roy and head through Dundee and the newly-paved uphill-sweeping Archery Summit Road to our next 4:00 - 4:15 ride to Durant stop at Durant Winery and Red Ridge Farm. This relaxed tasting room offers beautiful views and a comfortable lawn to stroll or relax on. Walk next door to the Red Ridge Farm nursery and gift shop. Taste some locally-made olive oils and peruse their assortment of unusual gifts and plants.

To McMinnville

Our last run is through the farm country around Amity, then we'll hit some great twisties and sweepers through the foothills near McMinnville. After putting our cars through their paces we'll head into town. After a busy day you're sure to have an appetite for a fabulous creole dinner at Gem or some creative Spanish tapas at LaRambla. Like last year, we have a large table reserved at each. The only trouble is how to decide which one to choose!

Join us for a day of driving amazing roads, enjoying fabulous tastes, and celebrating with friends! If you'd like to extend your stay, McMinnville offers some charming overnight options.

Suggested Time Windows

11:00 – 11:45 at Raptor Ridge **11:45 - 12:45** ride to Carlton **12:45 - 2:45** in Carlton **2:45 - 3:00** ride to Domain Roy 3:00 - 4:00 at Domain Roy Winery / Red Ridge Farm 4:15 - 5:15 at DW / RRF **5:15 - 6:00** ride to McMinnville

6:00 - 7: 00 at Gem / LaRambla

Maps will be distributed at tour start. Tour is self-quided, no leaders / sweepers, open join/ depart. Tour waivers and wristbands will be handled at tour start.

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Date	Event	Location
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May 21 June 4 June 6 June 25	Peter's Hobby Shop Finn's Auto Restoration Board Meeting Manzanita Tour and Hike	Wilsonville, OR Woodburn, OR Buster's BBQ (Tigard, OR) Manzanita, OR











