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President's Message

2018 promises to be as epic as '17, and even better! We've kicked off with some great events this winter, and we will continue to update you via our website, social media, monthly emails, and quick event reminder emails. Here are some highlights...

Sidedraught City hosted us for an exciting new car-car product demo from Griot's. Neil gave us some great tips. He offers a full range of Griot's products to help you get ready for Spring. Be sure to stop by and pick up some!

Our **Winter Celebration** was a rare chance to meet Master Collector Peter Gleason, and to hear him speak. He's a fascinating self-made man, and owner of one of the finest BMW collections in the world. This was indeed a special evening.

Our new **Evergreen Tour** will be a west valley tour through the rolling hills of Oregon's famous Wine Country. Arriving at the world famous Evergreen Aviation Museum we'll peruse the rare collection of vintage and modern aircraft, including Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose.

Dyno Day will offer limited-availability spots for members to get their cars on a dyno to measure performance and discuss tuning modifications.

Our popular **Covered Bridges Tour** is back again, with another great route out of Salem BMW through beautiful scenic areas with a few glimpses of days-gone-by and historic structures.

Similar to the Desert Tour, the new **Grant's Pass Tour** will be a southern Oregon tour featuring beautiful scenery and technical twisties through the wild and scenic Rogue River Valley.

Also new in 2018, the **Cloudcap Tour** will be a spectacular drive through the hills around the Mt. Hood area, with the Cloudcap Recreation Area as our destination.

Our Classic Group coordinators will continue to bring you our recent favorites like the **Garage Tours** and **Classic Cars & Coffee**. Of course we'll enjoy our perennial favorites like the **Wine Country Tour**, **Maryhill Loops**, and **Motorfest**.

We hope you will take a few minutes to review the Calendar, and begin thinking about which events you would like to attend. Save the dates! We often hear "I wish I had remembered to come to that!" after hearing how great a time we had.



Buck Bailey, President

Verify event location, start time, and other details at www.bmworegoncca.com

BMW CCA Oregon Chapter 2018 Event Calendar			
Month	Type	Event	Date
March	Series	Kart Series/Race 5	3/20
	Drive	Evergreen Tour	3/24
	Shop Tour	Dyno Day	3/31
April	Mtg	Board Meeting	4/9
	Drive	Covered Bridges Tour	4/14
	Series	Kart Series/Race 6	4/17
	Event	Classic Group CC&C	4/21
	Event	New Member meetup	4/25
May	Event	Pro-Tek	4/28
	Drive	Coast Tour	5/5
	Mtg	Board Meeting	5/14
	Event	Garage Tour 1	5/19
June	Drive	Wine Tour	5/26
	Drive	Desert Tour	6/2-6/3
	Event	Classic Group CC&C	6/9
	Mtg	Board Meeting	6/11
	Event	Beaches Car Show	6/13
	Drive	Grant's Pass Tour	6/15-6/17
	Drive	Cloudcap Tour	6/23
July	Event	E30 Picnic	6/24
	Event	Gallagher Auto Spa	6/30
	Mtg	Board Meeting	7/9
	Corral	Rose Cup Races	7/13-7/15
	Event	5er West	7/14
	Event	Forest Grove Concours	7/15
August	Drive	Mt. St. Helen's Tour	7/21
	Corral	Vintage Racing Festival	7/27-7/29
	Event	German Palooza	8/4-8/5
	Drive	Maryhill Loops	8/11-8/12
	Mtg	Board Meeting	8/13
September	Event	Pebble Beach Concours	8/20
	Drive	MotorFest Tour	9/8
	Event	MotorFest	9/8
	Mtg	Board Meeting	9/10
	Event	M Car Day	9/15
October	Event	Oregon Festival of Cars	9/14-9/16
	Mtg	Board Meeting	10/8
	Event	Women's Tech Day	10/13
	Drive	Fall Colors Tour	10/20
November	Event	Classic Group CC&C	10/27
	Mtg	2019 Planning Meeting	11/10
	Series	Kart series Race 1	11/20
December	Drive	Randall's Toy Drive	12/15
	Series	Kart series Race 2	TBD

March 24 Evergreen Tour

Our new Evergreen Tour will be a west valley tour through the rolling hills of Oregon's famous Wine Country. Arriving at the world famous Evergreen Aviation Museum we'll peruse the rare collection of vintage and modern aircraft, including Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose.

March 31 Dyno Day

Wayne and Joe of Bel-Air Machine and Performance will host our club for our 2018 Dyno Day. They will offer limited-availability spots for members to get their cars on a dyno to measure performance and discuss tuning modifications. Cost will be \$50 per car. Ability to turn off traction control is recommended. Open to all makes and models. This is a great opportunity to assess your car's actual power and get some professional performance tips.

April 14 Covered Bridges Tour

Our Covered Bridges Tour has proved to be so popular we've brought it back again this year. Salem BMW will host us in the morning for a coffee and pastries, and a chance to see the latest models from our favorite marque. Be sure to walk back into their new state-of-the-art repair facilities. We'll then depart on a route that takes us through rolling farmland and big sweepers, through historic covered bridges that are among the nation's best and most numerous. We'll stop for tantalizing BBQ in the afternoon.

April 21 Classic Cars & Coffee

The Classic Group returns to our favorite venue, the Oswego Grill parking area at Centerpointe. This attractive venue is conveniently located right off Kruse Way at the I-5 / Hwy 217 interchange. There also a Starbucks for your morning coffee / caffeine needs. If you have an e30 or older car, please join us! If you're interested in taking the plunge into old-car-ownership (should we say "stewardship") come on out and hang with us, you'll meet lots of car guys and get useful info and tips for your classic project.



April 28 Pro-Tek Shop Tour

Pro Tek Automotive would like to invite the BMW club of Oregon to come check out the shop and everything we offer @3pm on April 28th. If you like wings and salad we will have "Fire On The Mountain" and tastings from "Eastside Distilling". We will be open for questions and have some cool cars on display for everyone to check out!



May 5 Coast Tour

We're looking forward to another epic Coast Tour! If you missed the last one be sure to catch this invigorating tour through the coast range mountains and state forests to the stunning Oregon Coast. We'll have lunch at one of our favorite dive bar & grills. Seafood, burgers, beer, scenery, great roads, and new friends. Come out and play with us!



May 26 Wine Country Tour

Our annual Wine Country Tour is a crowd pleaser. Last year we visited three amazing wineries and had a fabulous box lunch with stunning views over the McMinnville coast range foothills. This is a self-paced tour so you're welcome to linger longer at your favorite vineyards, or run a spirited pace through Oregon's amazingly beautiful wine country.



June 30 Gallagher Auto Spa

Gallagher Auto Spa welcomes BMW Oregon CCA members to their shop to talk auto detailing! They offer a full range of services to get your Bimmer looking it's best this Spring. Doesn't a clean car drive better? We think so.



Roundel Weekly becomes BimmerLife

Here at the BMW Car Club of America, we know it's a full day's work to keep up to date on BMW enthusiast news, whether you follow blogs, mammoth Facebook groups, forums, or our beloved Roundel. That's why we are creating a new home for all BMW enthusiast news, in one place, under one name: BimmerLife.

BimmerLife is a specialized community news source by enthusiasts, for enthusiasts. Content and stories are available on the website, as well right in your inbox with our weekly newsletter. There's nothing you need to do on your end, you will automatically be subscribed to the new BimmerLife newsletter.

Yes, in addition to BimmerLife.com, which will be our hub of worldwide BMW community news, we'll be sending the highlights in a weekly newsletter, taking the place of the outgoing Roundel Weekly. Don't worry, you'll still have the same team of writers and columnists you love (or loathe, every time Rob Siegel stumbles across the Craigslist find of the decade), and the same premiere access to BMW CCA News and events, but there will be new talent and perspective to bring you access to even more theaters of BMW enthusiasm—complete with videos, photosets, build highlights, and more!

BimmerLife is also an opportunity for you to share this BMW news with other non-club friends. The new site is open to the public, so you can share Satch's famous wit and latest adventures on Facebook for all of your non-CCA friends to read, too—and reap the referral bonuses when you get them to join!

Over the next few weeks, you'll come to know BimmerLife by BMW CCA as a go-to source for the BMW community. Whether that means the rising market for E9 coupes, fabulous HPDE programs, engine-swapped E36s, upcoming Cars and Coffees, the latest coilover selections for F82 M4s, the electrified future of BMW i, or anything in between, we're here to share that passion—our passion—with you.



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I've decided that sometimes it is all about the car. And sometimes it is all about the drive.

Recently I took a road trip with the company car, about 1,000 miles from Kingston, WA to Spokane, WA to Cottonwood, ID and finally to Portland. Long, boring trip, broken up by several stops at inns along the way. Mostly on freeways or long, straight state highways. I got home on Friday afternoon and for some reason, I was restless. Did some stuff on Saturday and woke up Sunday morning realizing that I was restless for a drive. Not any drive, but a drive in the convertible. The sun was shining and it was fairly cool out, so I packed up some water, the iPod with driving tunes, and was ready to go. Wife asked "Where are you going?" "Don't know" I answered, and off I went, just me and Francesca (with her top down).

The road from our apartment in Wilsonville to our son's apartment in Hillsboro is a nice driving road if you go the back way. Top down, tunes up loud and the Steptronic transmission getting a workout through the curves and hills, I started heading down a road I had taken many times before. Veered off to some side roads I had been on before with the club tours and generally meandered around the edges of wine country, mostly at a spirited pace. And then, around a corner I came, somewhere in Gaston, and I saw this:

Now those of you who know me know that I don't stop when I am driving unless I absolutely have to (gas, potty break or wife asking that we stop for something!). I saw the sign and drove another 50 feet and stopped in the middle of the road, turned around and looked again. I was so struck by the simplicity of the sign and the flower arrangements that I just had to buy the flowers (\$5.00!). But now the dilemma, how do I get them home? The jar they were in did not fit in the cup holders and I did not have a passenger, and at the spirited pace I was driving, the water and flowers would be all over the place by the time I hit the next curve if I put the flowers on the floor.

I pondered and looked around the car for a solution and finally I decided to put the jar between the back of the driver's seat and the mesh thing attached to the back of the seat. A snug fit, but it seemed to do the trick. The only problem, no more spirited driving, unless I wanted water all over the inside of my car.



So, I proceeded on my drive at a more leisurely pace, mostly at or below the speed limit. At this pace, I was not so much focused on "driving" as I was on "the drive". I saw things along the road that I probably would have missed if I was still on my spirited drive. There was what looked like a great blue heron in a field, horses standing in the field eating their breakfast, people sitting on their front porch drinking their coffee and enjoying the cool morning air and wonderful old houses with architecture nobody seems to employ anymore.

I got home with the flowers in one piece and gave them to my wife, who asked "Why?". I told her the story and said that I thought the flowers would make her happy. They did and I was rewarded with a hug and a kiss.

So what did I learn that day? Sometimes it is about the car. The feel of the road under the tires, the sound of the engine as you go up and down through the gears, the feel of the steering wheel under your hands as you go through a curve just right, the wind in your hair and the music up loud. And sometimes it is about the drive. Slowing down to see where we live and who lives here, what people are doing and what people do. Seeing the sign on the side of the road that say "make someone happy" and literally stopping to smell the flowers and making someone happy. Sometimes it is both about the car and the drive. And that is what makes it so much fun.

What a party! This year's annual banquet, the Winter Celebration Party, was a huge success!

A sold out event, club members enjoyed dinner at Portland Brewing Company, listened to our featured speaker, Peter Gleeson, and to participate in an auction of great items donated by our sponsors and club members.

The staff at Portland Brewing Company, did a fantastic job of providing a great dinner and venue for our members. Plus, thanks to our treasurer, Trayson Harmon, the club subsidized the cost of dinner to \$20 for all dinner menu selections. Thanks Trayson! The place was packed, as we had 77 people attend. Providing great flexibility and wonderful service, all in attendance enjoyed a great dinner. Lynnette Doan, Portland Brewing event manager and her staff, provided awesome service and excellent food.

Our featured speaker, Peter Gleeson, gave us a fascinating look at his improbable life. Starting as a poor kid in South London, he became a very successful owner of mining companies around the world. With just a third grade education, he followed his dream to rise from poverty to become a very successful business man. His philosophy was simple: hard work. He would be the first person to arrive and the last to leave. Without a formal education, Peter would ask practical questions: How does this system work? How can it be improved? He hired professionals who knew the technical details and then using his intelligence, Peter would make sound business decisions.

How did Peter end up having the most comprehensive collection of vintage and historic BMW's in the country? Well, as a poor kid, he would see people driving beautiful BMW's in North London, and he said to himself: "Someday, I will enjoy a nice car like that." His first BMW was an 8-series. After he came to America, Peter decided to start collecting vintage BMW race cars and rare models when the prices were low. Very few people realized the importance of these cars besides Peter. During the last recession, Peter decided to start collecting the cars that he felt were important to BMW's racing and technological history. He would start by purchasing cars that were not in the best condition, wait for them to appreciate in value, and then continuously trading up to cars of better condition. He also collected memorabilia, such as racing suits, from famous drivers. His collection is astounding! Of the 4 M1's in his collection, the blue car is considered the most original M1 in existence. And the Frank Stella art car, which is the only art car not commissioned by BMW, is worth several million dollars. His 3.0 CSL collection, includes very important race cars, plus a Golf Yellow Alpina street car.

What did we learn from Peter's presentation? You can realize your dream through hard work and using your "smarts".

After Peter's speech, Wendie Martin lead a spirited auction of 17 items that generated over \$2000 for our chapter to use in running our club events and support our charity: the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Thanks to Vince Manley and his daughter for coordinating our donation to this important organization. Wendie, an experienced auctioneer, did an excellent job. Thanks so much!

After the auction, we had the opportunity to socialize and talk with Peter. A wonderful evening for all!



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