



BMW CCA - Oregon Chapter Oregon and Southern Washington

Under the Hood

Upcoming Meeting Schedule!

Checkout our website for details!

www.bmworegoncca.com

- May 17th—General Meeting at SYKART!! Don't Miss!
- May 21st—2nd Tour of the Year: A Tour to McMinnville for the Evergreen Air & Space Museum!
- June 18-19—ROSE CUP RACES!!

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A New Year! Coming out with a BANG!!!

Hello BMW CCA Oregon Chapter Members,

We have our feet on the ground and are ready to run! Spring is here, so now is the time to start the season with fun events. In our inaugural year, your chapter pro-tem officers and volunteers laid the basic framework for your chapter to function and to meet the national organization's requirements.

We now have:

Officers Elected: Election results were announced at our first anniversary banquet.

Fun Events: Several tours and special events are already on the schedule.

Informative Meetings: Our monthly general meetings are held at interesting locations with informative speakers and special quests.

Quarterly Newsletter: We are the second of the 67 CCA chapters to mail a full-color newsletter to you each quarter.

Members, we will update our website frequently with new events and meetings, so keep an eye on it.

To continue our efforts to provide the

type of fun experiences that you want, we need more **volunteers**. Specifically, we need regional event coordinators to run events in Southern and Eastern Oregon. We need help with content, articles, and updates to our newsletter. We need volunteers to run and assist with touring events. You can help. You will feel good knowing that your work has enhanced the quality of your chapter.

How can you volunteer? Do you have an idea, possibly an event in your area that you think our members would enjoy? Then come to a meeting or event and talk to a board member or volunteer. Send a message to our events chairperson (ActivitiesChair@bmworegoncca.com). We would love to hear from you!

Come and join us, we will have a great year!

If you have any comments, send an e-mail to ClubPresident@bmworegoncca.com.

Hope to see you at a BMW CCA Oregon Chapter event soon.

**Brian Cone, President
BMW CCA Oregon Chapter**



The Rose Cup is coming in June, but signup is coming to an end SOON—do you want to participate in this terrific event? Check out our website for details!
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Expressions of Passion

Passion as defined by Webster: A strong feeling or emotion. Something that is desired intensely.



As individuals we all have different and unique passions. As club member we share many similar passions.

We all share the passion for our cars, the common bonds that have brought each and every one of us here. Passion is what keeps our club fun and

energized. It is the back bone of our existence. Members will have an opportunity to express their passions at our up and coming events and General Meetings. So, reach down and find some of your passions, share them with other members.

Together we can make your passions a dream come true.





Get Your Helmets Here!!

By —Bruce Feller

Is this a General Meeting? Yes! Is this the most fun you've had indoors without ...well....all those GROWNUP things???? YES. You have GOT to come see, even if you don't participate!

Does a helmet, a driving suit, a smallish, but truly jazzed up miniature CAR, in a RACETRACK, and some of your most competitive best friends sound like an AMAZING night?? Well, if you LIKE that idea, even just a "teeny bit" (I DID hear you

giggle!!) you should come to our **MAY General Meeting** at SyKart—the most incredible indoor racing arena.

Our club is renting the track for 2 SOLID hours, and let the competition begin!! No Karting experience is required!

Cost is 41.25 per driver!! Register with your PayPal account, send the funds to "registration@bmworegoncca.com"

All questions can be sent to Bruce Feller at brucefeller@gmail.com or you can call him at 503-780-4237

Wanna Go Zoom Zoom? Come to our GENERAL MEETING May 17th, 2011 at Sykart Indoor Racing Center!

BMW CCA Oregon Chapter presents:
GoKart racing at Sykart
Join us for an exclusive track rental for two hours of racing!!
No karting experience needed.
Just drive for fun!!!

8 hours per run
Minimum 2 hours per person
Cost is \$41.25 per person
RVP and prepayment is required for Drivers!

Please pay using PayPal:
Login with your account and use registration@bmworegoncca.com for the "TO" address.

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BMW Car Club of America Oregon Chapter

Absolutely—"Wining" Allowed!!

By —Chris Trappe

Engines HO! Let's see; 27 cars in a row, with some slightly magical math, one could guesstimate that there was well over a MILLION DOLLARS on the road last Saturday on our Season Opener Wine Tour!!

What a way to start the SEASON!!! We couldn't have guessed that we were going to have the most incredible sunny day since LAST YEAR!

We marveled at the sun and gentle



weather as we waited in the parking lot for the drivers meeting to commence, and everyone to sign up, Cars just kept drifting in, one after the other after the other! Who could have guessed the number to be over 20, much less 27!!

I had looked at a map before the tour, and whined "It's only 15 miles between all of the wineries!" figuring it would only take a

couple of hours to finish, and we would have the sunny afternoon to ourselves. Already we planned to continue by ourselves onto additional neighborhood wineries, just for the sun, and some giggles.

But we were so wrong, as Cory snaked through the countryside presenting us view after view before we even got to the first winery—Montinore, where my husband and I found the MOST incredible Port wine, and promptly bought a bottle!

The trip between the wineries was just as eventful—as we witnessed some of the most stellar countryside, including gardens, farms and views of both St. Helens AND Mt. Hood.

The second winery, Ardri— was just as fun—and as usual Anh took care of us in STYLE, we had the most deliciously terrific lunch and dessert!

The hours passed in a stress free leisurely way, and it was time to move onto the third winery; Kramer Vinyards, where we were greeted by the owner, and her whole family who participated in a large way in designing the wines and running the winery!!

The afternoon drifted into early evening,

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BMW CCA Oregon Chapter

Club Gear

Great Looking clothing for the BMW CCA Oregon Chapter

Look GREAT! Feel GREAT!
And Support Our Club!

We hand picked each item to ensure its quality is what you expect! We made certain the clothing is easy to care for, comes in a wide size range and looks terrific!

Check out the different Categories of our Club Gear, if you don't see something you would like - ask! Watch for Event Gear, coming soon!!

Your purchase will be shipped to you within 7 business days, directly from our supplier.



We are terrifically excited to roll out our brand new store:

Club Gear!

Click on the [Club Gear](#) button on our website:
www.bmworegoncca.com

Currently we are offering:

Hats

Sweats

Long Sleeve T-shirts

Polo's

Outerwear

Women's Apparel

**FATHER'S DAY
is Coming Soon!
GREAT Gift
Ideas Here!!**

The Heart of a Club

By Chris Trappe
 BMW CCA Oregon Chapter
 Communications Chair,
 for just a little while longer.

You. Reader. Stop reading and go look in the mirror. Yes, you. What do you see? Well, aside from the 5 o'clock shadow (sorry ladies), the extra wrinkle on your forehead, the grease spot on your shirt, and the coffee cup you've been nursing for the last hour.... You'll see... the Heart of our club.

'Now, what does that mean?' ...you growl at me. 'I don't have time for this!' Yea... It's a trick. It's a way to get you to think about the club in a different way. Different than a means for a discount, or a neat way to sell your extra track tires, or an occasional Sunday ride. Different than the monthly social, or even just getting this mailer. (Which by the way, we're proud to say is only the 2nd full color CCA club mailer in the US.)

What does it mean to BE a car club? Aside from sharing the fun with our terrific cars, I mean.

Sometimes you have to sit in on a Board Meeting to find out. You're invited if you like to come. (Ask a Board Member when the next one is.) What happens during a Board meeting? Well, LOTS of operational stuff: who will drive this? when will we do that? how will we get here? why not include more? and more... It's pretty intense. We're all opinionated, loud and seriously WANT the club to succeed.

We all have different ideas and thoughts, and many of us just simply want to make sure the club is turning out the way WE

want it to, the way we wish it to.

We have two members of the board who are "Members-At-Large". What are they? Well, they represent You—each member—to the board. But why stop there? If you come, you can speak for yourself!!

A chair is only as good as its legs. A club is only as good as its members. Our club energy and personality is derived from the synergy of the club members... You!

Consider this: Without the Board... (All volunteers by the way.) our club wouldn't exist. 'Why is that?' you say. 'What about all of us??' Well, the board is currently performing the tasks needed to ensure that BMW CCA National continues to certify the club's existence. Without these actions, the club could go away, and you would again become members of another BMW CCA chapter.

As this month ends, so ends my 18 month participation on this board as the Communications Chairperson, newsletter publisher, and website developer.

I'm not quitting BMW CCA, but my 'real life' job is changing, requiring more of my time and attention. As a volunteer, I have had terrific fun, excitement and learning opportunities that well surpassed my expectations.

Keeping a newsletter going, and a website up and running are two of the first, and most critical(!) requirements from BMW CCA national to certify that we HAVE a club, and aren't just members of a far away BMW CCA Chapter.

Please... I'm looking at our nearly 700 members to consider themselves as part

of our 'Board'. If you're a Desktop Publisher, or would like to be one; we Need your help! If you just have time to help with only ONE tour, or volunteer at our Northwest BMW Motorfest, we Need your help.

You are the Heart of Our Club. Every person who stands up and says, "I'll help" know that you're helping our club stay together, generating the fun, learning opportunities, tours, newsletter, website, donations, and a wide variety of other activities... To the benefit of all.

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Please volunteer. It's not that we want it, we **need** your help. Help to keep our club the vibrant, fun, and exciting club it is!!

To Volunteer for any activity, please contact Bruce Feller at brucefeller@gmail.com

Positions Currently Open:

NEED NOW: Desktop Publisher/Graphic Artist to edit our newsletter, and generate graphics for e-mailers and flyers.

Tour Leaders: Be a Tour Leader, design the tour path, ensure it is safe, drivable, and most of all FUN!

Tour Backup Drivers: Can't be a tour leader? Be a backup driver, in case the tour leader has any problems that prevents them from taking part!

Northwest BMW Motorfest Staff: Just say you'll help, we have LOTS of jobs for you during this terrific Festival!!



2011 Schedule!!

These are just **SOME** of the events coming up this year!!! Check out our **WEBSITE** for **MUCH MUCH MORE!!!**



MAY 17

General Meeting at SyKart!
Join us for a FUN filled evening of Racing, Racing, and MORE Racing...by whom?! By YOU, that's WHOM!!
RSVP and Prepayment are required to participate.
Details at:
www.bmworegoncca.com



MAY 21

McMinnville Tour to Evergreen Air and Space Museum
Long and winding roads? Of Course!!! And a SPRUCE GOOSE at the end of it!! Don't miss this fun tour!! **RSVP Requested.**
Details at:
www.bmworegoncca.com

JUNE 18-19
Rose Cup Races
Deadline to register for our corral, and race passes is COMING SOON!!!
RSVP and Prepayment are required to participate.
Details at
www.bmworegoncca.com



JULY 5
Hooked On Racing Track Event
JOIN Friends and co-members on a HOR track event that promises to be terrific Fun!!
RSVP and Prepayment are required to participate.
Limited attendance available.
Details at www.bmworegoncca.com



JULY 8-10

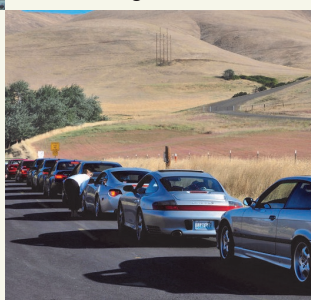
Portland Historic Races
This is Portland's biggest race event all year... Get your tickets, corral spot, and your very own 15inches of bench to see the wide variety of historic races coming again this year!! **RSVP and Prepayment are required to participate.**
Details at
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JULY 23

Portland Art Museum Allure of the Automobile Event
Many of our members are participating in this first time ever car show in downtown Portland sponsored by the Art Museum, as part of their brand new Automobile Event. Come see what beautiful cars, old and new our friends have!!

JULY 30-31
Maryhill Loops Tour
Oh boy oh boy oh boy ... It's BaaaaaCK!!a KILLER drive on a road that's ALLLLL ours!!
RSVP and Prepayment are required to participate.
Details at
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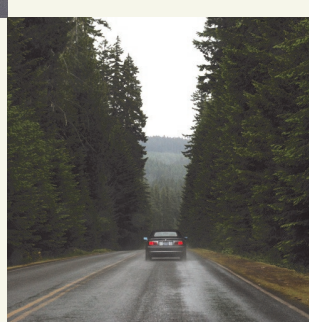


AUG 13
NW BMW Motorfest
The **EVENT** of the YEAR, the **BEST BMW Car Show** this **SIDE** of the Mississippi!!
Look for Details SOON at
www.bmworegoncca.com



AUG 28

Silver Falls Pot Luck Picnic!!
Terrific Food, Terrific Friends, Terrific Location...what more do you need!
Look for Details at
www.bmworegoncca.com



Don't just look HERE....
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An Anniversary Dinner With All the Bells and Whistles!!

By —ME!

LITERALLY! Well, we ordered up food, we ordered up FUN, we ordered up an EXCITING Time... Do we deliver? Or What!!!!? Read on.....

With over 60 people in the reservation list, our hopes for the evening were more than surpassed!! It started out well as folks trailed into the banquet room - having to pass an open door and loud Mardi Gras party next door by a local Harley Davidson club! We were proud that even though the swinging music, and great costumes were attractive, our dedicated members didn't abandon us, and we made a pact with ourselves that we all were going to have JUST as MUCH fun as they were!!



Brian started out the meeting with a few words to talk about the past year, and the exciting and fun times we had with all!! Chris announced our speaker, and we spent the next 20 minutes listening to our guest from Roundel Magazine: Paul Duchene. We learned that Isetta's tend to occasionally roll over like little bowling balls, and that despite such unseemly behavior, they're still a great investment. We learned a little about current BMW ownership statistics, and that those of us who own BMW's own them because of their quality. Well, is that a surprise? We

thank Paul for coming and sharing his point of view and experiences with us!!

Once Paul was done speaking, we had a great dinner, and prepared to setup for the Auction. Earlier many people from our club walked in with their White Elephant items, we had an incredible selection to choose from, including a BMW Hub Cap, a set of Margarita glasses, a Bart Simpson cake pan... just to name a few!!

Chris introduced the Raphael House (woman's shelter) as the purpose for the fund raising, and then introduced Cam Scott, our intrepid auctioneer! The party went wild at that point, and many people who have never participated in an auction thoroughly enjoyed themselves and bought every single last item that was sitting on the table!!

In the Middle of it all, we notice a fire alarm going off. Not 5 minutes later... a FRANTIC catering manager runs in - interrupts Cam in the middle of one of the auctions, and recommends... loudly... that we all leave the building. Most of us grabbed our bags, and just ran up the exit stairs at the far end of the hall.

Turns out that the problem was a smoky air conditioning unit, which was shut down, and not much longer than about 40



minutes, and we were back into the hall, and finishing out the auction.

We learned we sold a little more than \$600 dollars to benefit the Raphael House!!

Next up... the raffle! But FIRST a little Birthday Business!! (HEY Bruce, you're only young once!!)

Once the birthday soiree was done, we finished up the evening with dessert and a GREAT Raffle. Many folks had left, and we figured we could have the raffle, if someone with a ticket has left, we would find a way to get their winnings to them - but strangely enough every single ticket pulled had a club member in the room!

All folks were happy, full, and had armfuls of goodies from our benefactors, and we are thankful to them all!!



PS: A Terrific THANK YOU from Raphael House

Because of All of YOUR Generosity...

At our yearly Anniversary Party Auction, we were able to donate **\$697** to the Raphael House of Portland.

This donation will be used towards providing the food, clothing and personal items necessary to help abused parents and children live without fear, and in a nurturing and safe environment.

You can be proud of your participation in this, and know that the world is a little better for someone tomorrow because of you!!



BMW CCA Classifieds

328is FOR SALE:



1996 328is coupe, WBABG1326TET03019, Boston metallic green/tan, 128k miles, 5 speed, sunroof, custom wheels, heated seats, Dinan exhaust, custom stereo w/iPod interface, 6 disk changer, racing dynamics sway bars, short shifter, Bilstein sports dampers, front strut brace, slotted rotors, cold air intake, replaced radiator expansion tank, Yokohama V4S 225/50/16. \$6,900 obo. Cory 503 830-4450 capthedrafter@comcast.net (OR)

YIKES. I have NOTHING MORE to list. "Why not?", you say. Well, because you didn't tell me you had anything to sell. "OH." You say. "How do I tell you I have something to sell?" Well, (I say), It's as easy as sending an email and picture to ads@bmworegoncca.com. There's no charge for this listing for BMW CCA members. For everyone else, it's \$1M dollars. OK. Ok.... I'm Joking! Maybe not exactly a MILLION. But you know, we could sponsor a LOT of fun events with that, and think of the donations we could make!! AND we'd only need to sell ONE ad!!



"Wining" Allowed!! ... Cont.



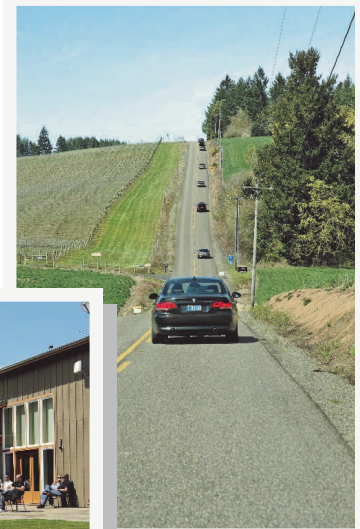
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and the two of us were completely relaxed, with two lovely new bottles of local nectar nestled in our trunk, were ready to head home and enjoy some dinner.

Check out the CCA gallery at: www.bmworegoncca.com for more terrific pictures!!!

Sunday, after the tour, the rain came back, and has stayed all week until the following Saturday, somehow we knew that day was special!!

By the way, we completely recommended the Montinore Ruby Port, ESPECIALLY with the two little brownies we smuggled from lunch!!



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Bird Watching—During the Wine Tour!!

A beautiful soaring eagle!? A falcon???? Noooooo...

Most of us thought it was a large hawk, but no to that too.. This large beast hovering above us while we were blithely driving along on the Wine Tour was relatively easy to photograph—but upon very CLOSE inspection—it turned out to be...

Yes.
 You guessed right.

A Turkey Buzzard.

Kinda puts a damper on the romantic, doesn't it?



HAPPY TRAILS & TOURS!

...From Everyone at BMW CCA Oregon Chapter!!