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New Club Photographer, Tyler Um, in action at the World of Speed Event



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President’s Message

Dan Hones, President

As Spring transitions to Summer, I look back on the past couple of months of club activities and can’t help but to think that we are off to the 2015 driving and event season like a roaring V10 M6.

The third annual April driving tour to America’s Car Museum in Tacoma, WA, led by Drew Lagravinese, attracted 20 cars and 38 members. Thanks to our record numbers of attendees, all of our cars received premium attention and we were invited to park on the “front porch” of the museum’s main entry. Everyone entering the museum to look at the incredible LeMay collection also had the chance to take in our vast array of BMW models, from a pristine 1972 2002tii to a gorgeous 2012 Z4 cabrio.

Our first-time Wine Tour brought out 16 cars on a perfect Spring afternoon in the Willamette Valley. Buck Bailey put together an outstanding drive, with well timed and organized stopping points at some of the region’s finest wineries. During one of our stops at Carlton Cellars, we had the opportunity to line up 5 of our most attractive e46 cabrios for a rare family photo. This amazing day concluded with two large groups of hearty tour teams commanding family tables at two of McMinnville



Oregon’s finest eateries, Gem and La Rambla.

The WaterWerks Spring Edition meet in Vancouver, WA, brought a large crowd of German car enthusiasts out on a spectacular day at Clark College. Over 300 cars were on display, with our own club in a designated BMW corral right in the middle of the fun. Trayson Harmon organized an alternative event that really brought out a wide variety of our own club cars to be featured, including Gary Burke’s stunning 1973 3.0cs to Trayson’s Interlagos Blue e36 M3 cabrio.

Scott Welch organized the World of Speed meet on May 23rd at the newly opened museum in Wilsonville, OR. The Museum is an amazing collection of automotive design and racing history, and also a learning opportunity for youth participation and education in the

automotive industry. 60 of us in 40 cars took in the sights, and the club had front row parking within the event lot and were part of the weekly Portland Cars and Coffee meet, now located at the World of Speed’s two large parking lots every Saturday morning.

As Spring transitions to Summer, I look forward to where we as a club are heading. We have the Rose Cup Races in June. The A-DEC Tour in June. The Vintage Racing Festival in July. Maryhill Loops and our 6th Annual MotorFest in August. We are planning a driving tour to Astoria for Fall Colors. We are in the works of planning drives in Eugene and Bend. Women’s events and more casual meet ups.

Our Board of Directors and Volunteers have been busy planning a variety of new event and meet types. We can always use new ideas. And people to volunteer for Ground Control at MotorFest. Burger Flippers at the Vintage. Cow Pie Remover on the asphalt at Maryhill Loops. Anything. What do you want to do? Where do you want to go? Let us know, we are standing by, but we would rather be out driving. Write me at clubpresident@bmworegoncca.com. Let’s go.



Member Musings

Drew Lagravinese, Member-at-Large

The other day, I was driving my company car (a Ford Fusion) on a long business trip. This drive gives me plenty of time to think about 'stuff'. You know, useless stuff like "If I were to paint the downstairs bathroom, would I do it or pay someone to do it and what color would it be?". Or "Why do I own 2 BMWs?"

The two cars in question (325 Ci convertible and a 328 X drive Touring) have been problematic lately. I was going to take the 328 on the last driving tour of 2014, got in it that morning and it was.....dead. No turning over, no lights, nada. Took the 325 on the tour. Charged the battery and the 328 started and so I drove it the next day on errands. Next morning, dead. Ok, so I need



a new battery. You all know what a new battery costs, even with a CCA discount from a friendly local vendor. They looked at the battery, pronounced it dead (it was the original battery with a date code of 2008, so it really did not owe me anything). They registered the battery and \$400 later, I was out the door. All is well.

So, I take the 325 on the tour and notice the temperature gage is running cold. Now what? Drive it the rest of the winter, off and on and it still runs cold. Off to the local dealership and guess what? \$400 later, I have a new thermostat. Remember when you could change a thermostat for about \$5 and in about 15 minutes (remove two bolts

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Member Musings

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on top of the engine and away you went).

Then there is the issue of the airbag recall. Of course the part for that came in three days after I had the car in for the thermostat repair. Back to the dealership. At least that only took 60 minutes (I waited), and the car was washed and vacuumed when I got it back.

The point of this rambling is this. Why do I own these two cars that seem to cost me a lot of money to repair and time to get the repairs done? So, as I was driving along, I pondered this question. And the answer came to me in about 30 seconds. I love driving these cars... both of them. They are just plain fun.

The convertible, well, what can you say. Top down, sunny day, good tunes, and a twisty drive. What could be better? It's not the fastest BMW, nor the most road hugging, but its mine, its paid for, I love the sound when you punch on the go

pedal and the AFE cold air intake makes that throaty roar, and it is just plain fun. The 328 Touring, well, it holds a lot of stuff in the rear, it has this huge sunroof (moon roof?), and if you don't look in the rear view mirror, you could swear you were driving a 328 sedan. It is quick, and with the new Michelin tires, it handles almost as well as the 325, and it is fun to drive.

So the answer is this. We own these cars because we love to drive. We own these cars because they are fun. We own these cars because they are The Ultimate Driving Machine. And the cost be damned!

Editors Note: Member Musings is a new column for member submitted content and opinion. To be considered, please submit your copy and images by 3/1, 6/1, 9/1, or 11/15.

New Logo

Scott Welch

BMW Car Club of America Oregon Chapter



The BMW Car Club of America Oregon Chapter is proud to unveil our brand new club logo designed by Club President Dan Hones. Inspired by BMW brand colors and Oregon's iconic Mt. Hood, the logo will easily transfer to all club materials including banners, flags, and upcoming merchandise available for members.

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Portland Vintage Racing Festival

Mark Koepping



One of the premier events on our club's calendar is the Portland Vintage Racing Festival. Formerly the Portland Historic Races, this festival weekend gives our club the chance to show our cars and club to the masses. From Friday July 10th to Sunday July 12th Portland International Raceway will welcome all car clubs in the region to setup corrals and watch the Sportscar Vintage Racing Association racers compete.

The SIG group promotes this event to bring out as many BMW's from the past to the present as possible. On Saturday and Sunday we will have a free BBQ for our members. Don't forget to sign up for the parade lap around PIR. You heard that right! On Saturday and Sunday, you will be able to drive on the racetrack! Sign up early. We are only allowed 25 cars per day.

An autocross is run throughout the weekend right across from our corral. Try your hand at navigating your car around a course of cones. The fee is \$5/run but the experience is priceless! The proceeds benefit the Community Transitional School.

Trans Am is the featured group so expect to see many muscle cars. New this year is a concert on Saturday by Mitch Ryder & the Detroit Wheels (Devil with a Blue Dress On) followed by fireworks!

The whole weekend for one car, two people, corral pass, concert and fireworks is just \$45.

Tickettomato.com is handling all PVRF ticketing this year. A direct link to car corral ticketing is on our website. I look forward to seeing you at the SIGnature event of the year!



Club Photographer

Scott Welch

Many refer to today's youth as the digital generation. Our new Club Photographer, 14 year old Tyler Um is living proof. His short clip of Motorfest last year could have been a segment on Top Gear and his photography is featured on the cover and throughout this issue.

How did you get started in photography?

Whenever I browsed through automotive websites I noticed that a lot of pages had incredible photography and made the cars look amazing, so I decided that it was something I wanted to try out. I started taking photos at our local Cars and Coffee events, where I developed my skills over the years up to the level I'm at now.

Where did your passion for cars originate, why BMW?

My passion for cars started at a very early age, where my parents would always buy me Hotwheels cars and I would play with them all day. As I got older I wanted to learn more about cars and ended up developing a love for German cars, especially BMWs.

Any photogrpahy tips for fellow club members?

As for photography tips, one thing I like to tell people is to always experiment. Try out new angles, compositions, or camera settings. You never know what you'll like the most. Also, having good skills and composition are far more important than the fanciest camera.

Editors Note: Catch the motorfest video at; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gx1EhQag7EE>

Maryhill Loops Rally

Trayson Harmon, Photo courtesy motorsportreg.com

Join us for our 6th Annual Maryhill Loops Rally in Maryhill, Washington. This is your chance to experience an incredible three mile long private historic road that gains 850 feet elevation at an average grade of 5% with 25 turns, including 8 hairpins.

Register for either Saturday or Sunday, August 8-9, 2015. (If there is still space available 1 week prior to the event on either day, drivers may register for another day.) **Register soon**, as the event typically sells out fast. Each day will have approximately 20 drivers.

Cars are divided into groups of ten (two groups per day). Each car goes uphill only after the previous car passes the halfway mark. All cars drive downhill in a slow convoy. Special arrangements may be made for photo/video chase vehicles, but only after participants have had their fun.

We also have plenty of opportunities to volunteer for this event, including staffing checkpoints along the road, helping

with lunch, preparing the course, and cleaning up at the end of the event.

The rally starts each morning with a photo session at the Stonehenge War Memorial at 7:30 AM.

Maryhill Loops Road is located in a desolate, wind-swept area with no restaurants, no facilities (porta-potty available), and few shade trees. Bring shade tents (the club will have a couple), sunblock, and lots of food and water. The club will host a Subway Giant Sub, chips, cookies, and some beverages, but please be prepared with your own snacks.

We have secured a discounted room rate with Celilo Inn, 20 miles West in The Dalles, OR. Celilo Inn is ranked #1 hotel in The Dalles, and is probably the top hotel in the Columbia Gorge!

Go to <http://www.celiloinn.com> or call 541-769-0001. Mention "BMW Oregon CCA" to avail of rooms for \$139/night (Queen, no view) or \$155/night (King, river view). Book



soon as the discount will expire as the event gets closer.

Lastly, the club will organize a no-host dinner on Saturday night at the Clocktower Ales Restaurant and Brew Pub in the Dalles OR. We will have a private room. Please bring cash as we will need to pay as a group on a single tab.

Please log on to www.bmworegon-cca.com to register and for more information.

Oregon Festival of Cars

Brian Cone

BMW CCA Chapter members, you are invited to attend the premier car enthusiast event in the Pacific NW: The Oregon Festival of Cars in Bend, OR, September 18 – 20, 2015. This year is the Oregon Festival of Cars 20th anniversary and it is going to be a very special event.

A special year requires a special theme, one that applies to everyone and to every marque. This year's theme is The Need For



Speed. Yes, we're going to focus on one of the most obvious common denominators that unites all of us. We will have our share of super fast cars - Ferraris, Porsches, Lamborghinis, Corvettes, modified cars, race cars, and all the usual suspects -- but they won't be the only stars. We're hoping to display all sorts of cars that are more subtle, that take a perfectly normal car and give it some tweaks with no purpose other than generating more speed. Anything to shave a few tenths of a

Club Car Spotlight - 3.0 CS

Vince Manley

Car Crazy-

I was born car crazy. Even before kindergarten, I would sit with no seat belt on the fold down armrest in my parents '67 Riviera and name each car going down the freeway. I started mowing lawns at 12 years old and by 15 I had a 1969 Dodge Charger RT and a 1968 Camaro RS convertible.

OK, the Charger had more rust than steel with no title but it kind of followed me home. My dad made me get rid of it. The Camaro was really my first car; I had that car for six years but finally had to sell when I was in college. At one point during my teenage years, my Dad told me that I would grow out of the car thing. All these years later; my wife, Missy, is still waiting for that to happen.



During a spring break in college, I was out for a run on Queen Anne Hill in Seattle. I came around a corner and saw the best looking car I'd ever seen. I typically never stop when I'm in the middle of a run but I had to get a good look at that car. I looked inside and saw all the leather, chrome, and wood; I was in love. It was Fjord blue e9



coupe and I knew I had to have one someday.

Fast forward eighteen years and it finally happened. E9s are notorious for rust, the tin worm started at the factory. Karman built the bodies for BMW and put in several extra cavities just to hold water; these cars don't even have front fender liners. If you see an E9 advertised as rust free, the seller is lying.

I looked at several 'rust free' cars

before finding mine that actually was rust free. I found it in Tucson Arizona, it had been a southern California, Arizona car it's whole life. It had everything I was looking for; small bumpers, sunroof, a four speed, AC, a limited slip differential, and it was Fjord blue!

It didn't have any rust but it needed everything else. The Arizona sun had baked everything on the car including paint, wood, dash, upholstery, etc...

Club Car Spotlight - 3.0 CS

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Over the first couple of years of ownership, I did a light restoration. I took the whole thing apart and put it back together, the dash alone took a couple of months.

The car is not completely stock, it has later fuel injection, a five speed with a short shift kit, headers, Recaros, stiffer springs, and bigger sway bars. It's a lot of fun to drive.

I've owned 27 cars over the years, a lot of them were very cool, I but my e9 is still my favorite.

After buying the coupe 12 years ago, the BMW bug hit pretty hard.

An e39 528it wagon quickly followed as great way to transport our young girls around. It was a couple years old when we bought it and somewhat of a 'unicorn' because it was a 5 speed with the sport package.

Next came an e39 M5, which was just an incredible car that we owned for 5 years and it never threatened to put us in the poor house. There

was '02 roundie and an e9 csi in there somewhere too. At last count we've had 8 BMWs, 4 of which we still have.

Our current stable includes: the coupe (mine); a 2004 e46 M3 6 speed convertible with less than 50K miles (Missy's); an e39 528it with sport package (Megan and Abby's); and a 1975 2002 that's getting ready for paint and a small bumper conversion – it followed me home too.

So, I have a major car addition and I've drank the BMW Kool-Aid, a potentially dangerously expensive combination. That's why I love this club so much; I know I'm not alone.

Editors Note: Club Car Spotlight is a new column featuring club member cars. To be considered, please email: clubeditor@bmworegoncca.com.

Specs:

E9

Vehicles: 2800CS, 3.0CS, 3.0CSi, 3.0CSL, 2.5CS

Production Dates: 1968 - 1975

Units Produced: 30,546

BHP: 170 - 180

Engines: Straight six SOHC engine, 2.5 L twin carb (2.5CS), 2.8 L twin carb (2800CS), 3.0 L twin carb (3.0CS, early 3.0CSL), 3.0 L fuel injection (3.0CSi, later 3.0CSL), 3.2 L fuel injection (3.0CSL, final version)

Transmission: 4 speed manual, 3 speed automatic



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World of Speed

Dan Hones, Photos: Tyler Um

The newly opened World of Speed Museum in Wilsonville, Oregon, is every car-lovers motor racing candy store. 60 club members and 40 club cars met for the Cars and Coffee Portland meet held in the museum's two large parking lots prior to our event. We were able to park our club's amazing array of cars in the front event lot at the museum's impressive main entry for some great photo opportunities.

Once inside the museum for our event, we started with a guided tour by the museum's most revered hosts, and two hours later, we were all a wealth of new motorsport knowledge. From the Miss Budweiser racing U-Boat to Mickey Thompson's Bonneville Salt Flats racers to the Daytona 500's actual banked corner with 4 full size authentic NASCAR models poised gracefully, there was plenty to take in.

The 200 foot wide video screen featuring the history of land speed record attempts and holders from the late 1800's through to today anchors the front gallery. The Wall of Sound takes the viewer, and listener,



on a journey through the relationship between cars and music from the earliest days. The giant movie screen and the Sidewinders Motorcylce Club display frame the big gallery, along with the Daytona NASCAR bank and the Indy, Sprint, and IMSA cars.

The mission of the museum is not only preservation, but also education. There is a full working auto-shop on the property, focused on youth groups and the education of automobile preservation, restoration and maintenance. The kid's area is a fully interactive area for the future racers to learn about motion, stopping motion, what

makes a car. And of course, you get to exit through the gift shop.

The museum's web site has a great headline to sum up the purpose of the museum. "Education and entertainment through the celebration and preservation of American motorsports."

Yep, that pretty much sums it up. For more information about memberships, volunteer opportunities, or event schedules, visit their site at www.worldofspeed.org.



Festival of Cars

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second off your times, and to make driving just that much more fun.

All members can display their cars in the Saturday car show. We will select a few cars from our group to display in the featured car section, ones that highlight BMW's reputation for speed and performance.

The owners of each car will give a presentation explaining why their cars epitomize the Need for Speed theme. This will enhance the experience for our members and showcase great BMW's to spectators and other participants as well.

Friday Touring Event: If you choose, you can attend a touring event over the mountains towards Bend that starts at Ron Tonkin Gran Turismo in Wilsonville. Friday night, attend the registration reception and enjoy food and drinks at Mt. Bachelor Village.

Saturday Event: We are once again having our car show at the beautiful Broken Top Club driving range, one of the prettiest car show locations around.

The Festival Banquet: The Saturday Banquet will be held at Broken Top Club in a beautiful building with wonderful food!

The Sunday Festival Brunch: We will wrap up the event with our grand finale Festival Brunch at 11:00 am on Sunday.

For more information and to register, go to <http://www.oregonfestivalofcars.com/>

Tour to LeMay - America's Car Museum

Photos: Drew Lagravinese



BMW Salem Grand Opening Celebration

Brian Cone, Photos Tyler Um

Through a connection with BMW CCA Oregon Chapter member, Ralph Harding, we were invited to participate in the Grand Opening Celebration of BMW of Salem's new dealership location on April 11th. This was an excellent opportunity for us to help our great sponsor and partner while having fun as well.

Our purpose was to bring members cars to the dealership,



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BMW Foundation

Dan Hones

An often un-noticed benefit to you as a member of the BMW CCA is access to the BMW Foundation. The Foundation is the BMW CCA's charitable organization that maintains a huge vault of BMW memorabilia, cars, photography, history, everything BMW. They also bring the amazing Street Survival Teen Driving School to tracks around the country. My daughter did one a couple of years ago and loved it, and has applied the lessons to several daily-driving situations already. Awesome.

We are planning a Foundation night in September at a shiny new location in Portland. Foundation spokeswoman, chapter member, auctioneer, and head of EMG Wendie Martin will talk to the club about opportunities for you as members to partner with the Foundation and it's importance to the future of the club as well as the preservation of the BMW marque.

Learn more below, and check out their link at <http://www.bmwccafoundation.org>.

From the Foundation web site...

"In March, 2002, the BMW Car Club of America, an organization of over 79,000 members, formed the non-profit, tax-exempt charitable BMW CCA Foundation, Inc., to provide benefits to the motoring public community and owners of BMW automobiles. Its charter under Section 501(c)(3) enables the Foundation to establish programs to benefit the public in general, and BMW owners specifically. The vision of the Foundation is to be a significant repository of BMW information and to foster educational programs for the automotive community.

To that end, the Foundation established three programs to help accomplish its mission: The Preservation and Restoration Program (PRP), The Library, Archives and Museum Program (LAM), and The Driver Safety School Program (DSS).

1. The Preservation and Restoration Program (PRP)

The PRP supports educational

programs that foster and promote the art of vehicle preservation and restoration. To that end, funds for scholarships supporting automotive restoration will be pursued.

2. The Library, Archives and Museum Program (LAM)

The Library, Archives and Museum Program will create a repository for BMW-related historical documents, literature and paraphernalia, providing club members with access to rare and interesting BMW artifacts while insuring their continued existence. This archive will be housed in South Carolina near the BMW CCA National Office and BMW Manufacturing.

3. The Driver Safety School Program (DSS)

Hoping to reduce accidents, injuries and deaths, the DSS Program promotes and conducts educational projects to improve the car handling skills of young drivers, especially teenagers. The DSS Program is headlined by the "Street Survival Teen Driving School" that is conducted in various parts of the U.S.

BMW Salem

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put them on display, and talk with potential customers about how much we love our great cars. TJ Selby from BMW of Salem was very helpful in organizing our participation with his dealership and to provide us with lunch and an awesome place to display our cars.

Ralph really knows the back roads around Salem, so he designed and lead us on a tour from the dealership to the Amity Food and Coffee House and back. We really enjoyed the route on country roads where we experienced the beautiful countryside.

Back at BMW of Salem, we enjoyed our display of cars that included three of Steve Walker's rare BMW's, including: a TiSA, 700S, and a Trans Am 2002 race car. Also, Edy Scholssstein brought her beautiful Z8 as well. Quite a great display from our chapter.

Many thanks to Ralph Harding for organizing this event and to TJ Selby for providing us with the opportunity to participate in their celebration. We really enjoyed their hospitality.

Waterwerks

Dan Hones, Photos Tyler Um

The WaterWerks Spring Edition Cruise-In at Clark College in Vancouver is an event that attracts hundreds of uniquely modified and stock German automobiles and enthusiasts from around the Pacific Northwest. The club participated in this year's edition on a spectacular sunny Sunday in early May. We had our own BMW CCA car corral in the midst of all of the VWs, Audis, and a few Benzes and Porsches, and attracted a bunch of new BMW fans to our group. Members of the BMW PNW group joined us in our corral that made for a nice, wide variety of cars to appeal to gear heads of all types.

Gary Burke brought out his pristine 1973 3.0cs. Sam Um showed off his Alpine White e46 M3. Trayson Harmon's Interlagos Blue e36 was the hit of the corral and drew a lot of attention. Alex Casey and John Garcia brought out the ZHPs, and we had several nicely modified e36 sedans too. I even spiffed up the 135i. Sweet.

Club photographer Tyler Um was on hand to capture the moments as you can see from some of his amazing shots featured in this newsletter. Plan to join us next May for the 2016 WaterWerks Spring Edition. For more information about the WaterWerks group, go to www.waterwerksnw.com.



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Club Calendar

Date	Event	Location
June 27	SIG Cars and Coffee	Lake Oswego, OR
June 27	Gallagher Auto Spa Tour	Portland
July 6	Board Meeting	BMW Portland
July 10-12	Portland Vintage Racing	Portland International Raceway
July 19	Oregon Intl Air Show	Hillsboro, OR
July 25	Pat's Acres Karting	Canby, OR
August 3	Board Meeting	BMW Portland
August 8-9	Maryhill Loops Rally	Maryhill, WA
August 22	NW BMW Motorfest	Portland



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