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September 24

Board Meeting: starting time is 6:45 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. Contact the Club President to RSVP and for meeting location.

October 3

Mountain Twisties Tour: Join Club Members on Saturday, October 3 for a tour of the best pure driving roads in the State. See article in this issue of the *Zündfolge*, or check the Club Events section of the Bulletin Board at www.bmwpugetsound.com. Please RSVP and direct any questions to Scott Hieronymus at tours@bmwpugetsound.com.

October 3

LeMay Tour: The Club has arranged a special tour of LeMay; America's Car Museum in Tacoma on October 3. Tour begins at 11 a.m. See the article in this issue. (www.lemaymuseum.org) RSVP to Brian Cone at briancone2@comcast.net.

October 4

BMW Seattle Open House: 1002 Airport Way South from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To RSVP email Jeff at jeff@hauryscollision.com or call 206-365-1565.

October 6

Deadline for the combined November/December 2009 *Zündfolge* issue: all submissions must be received by this date. They may be sent to the *Zündfolge* Editor at lucettalightfoot@msn.com.

October 10

Tire Rack Teen Street Survival at Portland Int'l Raceway (South Paddock): Licensed drivers 16-21 sign-up at www.streetsurvival.org. Space is limited. Contact Jim Weidenbaum at streetsurvivalpdx@hotmail.com with questions.

October 25

Volunteer Appreciation Party: 2 to 4 p.m. at Lombardi's, 695 N.W. Gilman Blvd., Issaquah, WA (www.lombardisitalian.com). Please RSVP to Jeff Butler at jeff@hauryscollision.com.

October 29

Board Meeting: starting time is 6:45 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. Contact the Club President to RSVP and for meeting location.

November 7

J&L Fabricating Meeting: Join us for another trip to automotive wonderland. J&L Fabricating is one of the best vintage racecar shops in America. You'll see 25-35 vintage racecars in various states of repair. Meeting time is 10 a.m. until noon. See the article in this issue.

November 19

Board Meeting: starting time is 6:45 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. Contact the Club President to RSVP and for meeting location.

November 23

Deadline for the January 2010 Zündfolge issue: all submissions must be received by this date. They may be sent to the *Zündfolge* Editor at lucettalightfoot@msn.com. *Note:* this is early because of holidays this time of year.

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LeMay Car Museum Tour

October 3

THE BMW PUGET SOUND REGION CLUB has arranged for a special tour of LeMay: America's Car Museum in Tacoma on October 3. The museum is the largest privately held collection of automobiles, motorcycles, and trucks in the world, with over 3,000 vehicles! The vehicles and artifacts document the passion we have for going wherever we want, in whatever type of vehicle we choose. Come and visit the LeMay Museum to see many excellent examples of vehicles from the past century. Check out their website for the history and future of the museum: <http://www.lemaymuseum.org/page.php?id=65>. We are looking into the option of visiting the LeMay home for a private tour of over 300 vehicles as well.

The museum is the largest privately held collection of automobiles, motorcycles, and trucks in the world, with over 3,000 vehicles!

A group from Portland will depart at 8 a.m. or you can meet at the museum at 10:30 a.m. Our tour of the museum will begin at 11. After a break for a pizza lunch in the banquet room, we will continue our tour of the museum. We are working to arrange a special tour of Harold and Nancy LeMay's private collection of 350 vehicles at their home. Parking is limited, so we are arranging for a bus to take us up to the LeMay home. Space on the bus will be limited, so sign up as soon as possible.

To register for the tour and obtain additional information, write to Brian Cone at briancone2@comcast.net with the number of participants, meet-up location, lunch attendance, and if you choose to join the private LeMay home tour. Admission fee is \$25 for both the museum and family home tour. The address is 325 152nd Ave E, Tacoma.

This is an opportunity that you will not want to miss. Sign up now!

BMW Seattle Open House

October 4

BMW SEATTLE is hosting an open house for the Club at their brand new facility Sunday, October 4 from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. All Club members are invited. Food and beverages will be provided.

BMW Seattle will be providing an opportunity for Club members to display their special or unique BMW at the Grand Opening event to be held sometime in late October or early November. BMW Seattle will provide the "chosen ones" for the grand opening with a complete detail from their new detail service center as well as a display board highlighting the special aspects of the displayed vehicle. There will be a contest and prizes awarded for best in show on the evening of the Grand Opening.

To submit your vehicle for consideration in the display, send me an email with a description of your car, the history or story that makes the vehicle special and a few photos.

Email your RSVP to Jeff Butler at jeff@hauryscollision.com.

Jeff Butler

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ON THE COVER

This month's cover features a closeup of M3s at M-Car Day. To see more photos of M Cars turn to page ten and view the many participants at the Club's M-Car Day. Thanks go to Griot's Garage and Haury's Lake City Collision for hosting the great event!

Photo by Brad Bowen.

Volunteer Party Time! October 25

VOLUNTEER WORKERS PARTY at Lombardi's Neighborhood Italian in Issaquah.

To show appreciation for the many volunteers that continually support our Club with their gift of time and service for the benefit of others, the board of directors has unanimously approved a party to honor you.

If you have volunteered as an instructor or corner worker at a drivers' education event, worked at the Concours as a judge or support staff, worked at the auction, volunteered on the *Zündfolge* staff or any other volunteer activity, you're invited to this big bash.

The Club will host the venue and food (there will be a no host bar) at Lombardi's in Issaquah on Sunday, October 25. The good times begin at 2 p.m. Please RSVP to Jeff at Jeff@hauryscollision.com.



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Mountain Twisties Tour

October 3



JOIN CLUB MEMBERS for this fall tour, Saturday October 3. Taking many different forms over the past few years, the Mountain Twisties Tour is always about one thing—finding remote, curvy roads that will bring out the best in your BMW. The ultimate roads for the Ultimate Driving Machines.

The main section of our route can be bumpy in places. The past few winters have not been good to the pavement. On top of that, there are rocks. Golf ball sized, wheel rim chipping rocks. As if that weren't enough, there are drop offs. Steep, 200-foot-down drop offs. These are places you would really not want to go off. If I haven't scared you away, know that your intrepid tour director pre-drove the route the day after the Concours in his pristine Alpine E36 M3, and it was the most fun street driving experience I have ever had. We will go

slowly over the bumps, tiptoe around the rocks, and rely on our driving skills and common sense to keep the cars on the road. The payoff to all these challenges is mile after mile of second and third gear corners, switchbacks, and elevation changes. Throw in some close up mountain views, awesome fall colors, relative seclusion and you have a road that the famous "Tail of the Dragon" could only hope to be. Be forewarned, your arms will be tired after this day! Passengers should be chosen carefully. Did I mention the drop offs?

We'll meet at 7 a.m. in the parking lot of the Issaquah QFC, 1540 Gilman Blvd. After donuts and coffee and a short drivers' meeting, we will leave at 7:30, headed south. Bring a picnic lunch and a blanket or chairs. Visit the Club Message Board at www.bmwpugetsound.com and click on the BMW CCA PSR Club Events section for updates. You will also want to click on the Tours section, and review the Club Tour Governance Policy.

As always, you must be a Club Member in good standing to attend tours, but newbies are allowed one run prior to joining. Bring cameras, binoculars, FRS radios if you have them and dramamine for your passengers. Please send questions and RSVPs to Scott Hieronymus at tours@bmwpugetsound.com.

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Last Call for October Street Survival School

October 10

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Life-saving Teen Driving Program Coming to Portland

On Saturday, October 10 in the South Paddock of Portland International Raceway, the Oregon Region of SCCA, with support from the Oregon Region Porsche Club of America, Friends of PIR, the BMW Club of America Foundation, and the SCCA Foundation will hold a Tire Rack Street Survival® School. During this one-day class, students won't just sit in a classroom listening to a boring lecture; they will gain valuable

new skills to improve their driving techniques on the road. They will be behind the wheel of their own cars, driving through real-world exercises with an instructor in the next seat to provide immediate feedback.

Sign Up Soon

Sign up soon at <http://streetsurvival.org> as spaces are strictly limited. Follow the link to School Schedule/Registration. If you have any questions, please email either Jim Weidenbaum at streetsurvivalpdx@hotmail.com or Gary Chapman at drchapman@chapmansmiles.com. If you are a qualified driving instructor who is interested in volunteering, please send a quick note with your autocross or road course experience to streetsurvivalpdx@hotmail.com.

See the September Zündfolge for more information.

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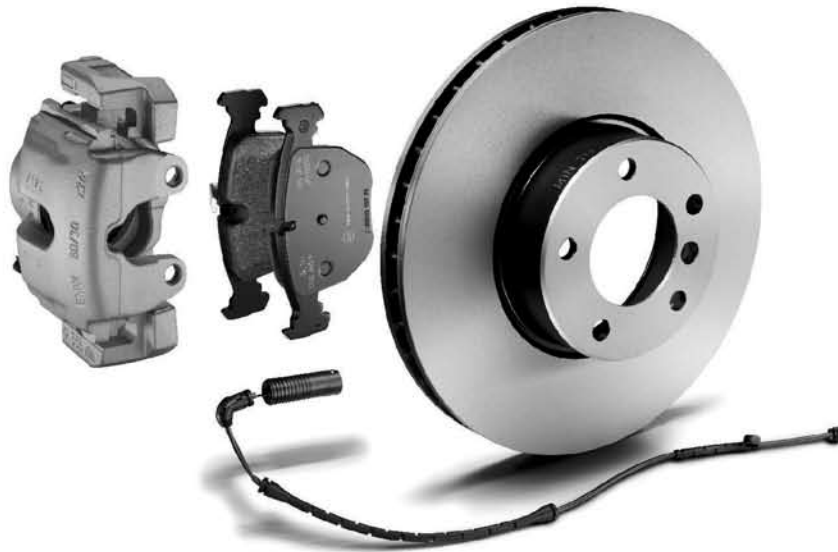
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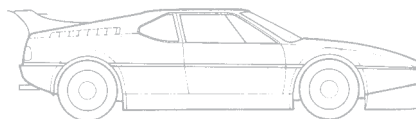
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MOTOR SPORTS



OUR 2009 TRACK SEASON is at an end. This year we started our season with an unusual instructor clinic: indoors and warm! And a full day with noted racing coach and author, Ross Bentley. I think everyone came away from that day as a better instructor. Next year the Porsche Club will be hosting the Instructor Clinic. We share a common group of instructors and alternate hosting this annual training event. The Porsche Club is planning on bringing their national certification program to Pacific Raceway for 2010.

Since this year's instructor clinic, we've had four track days. By holding both Car Control Clinics and High Performance Driving Schools at Pacific Raceways concurrently, we've created a nice progressive, ladder system to bring people into high performance driving. The Car Control Clinic eases everyone into the sport in a non-threatening, fun way. The High Performance Driving School allows for an instructed, safe way to drive your BMW very fast. The way it was designed to be driven.

Given the cost of renting Pacific Raceway, it is likely that almost all of our future events will be on weekdays. For most, that requires a day off work. But then, any day at the track is better than a day at work, right?

Over the winter months, we don't have any track events. But we will be planning on ways to make the events even better. Which brings us to your involvement. If you own a BMW, there is no better way to experience your Ultimate Driving Machine. If you've never been to a track event, make a mental note to join the fun in 2010.

David Lightfoot
Driving Events Coordinator
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2009 Driving Events Calendar

Other Events Open to CCA Drivers

October

- 1** PCA School at Pacific Raceways
- 3** PCA Women's Only Skills Day at Bremerton
- 4** BMW CCBC Skills Day at Pitt Meadows, BC
- 9** BSCC Lapping Day at Bremerton
- 12** BMW CCBC HPDE at Portland
- 15** ALFA Lapping Day at Bremerton
- 24-25** BMW CCA IEC HPDE in Spokane
- 25** BMW CCBC Skills Day at Pitt Meadows, BC

November

- 1** PCA Skills Day at Bremerton

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Last year in November we visited Dennison International in Puyallup. This year we're returning to Puyallup to visit another race and restoration shop, that of J&L Fabricating. J&L is owned by Louie Shefchik who is the brother-in-law of Butch Dennison. These two shops share more than a family connection and similar locations. Both shops are known for their world-class work. One difference is that J&L only works on race cars; they don't do any of the Pebble Beach type cars.

Louie Shefchik got involved in racing early. In 1972, at the tender age of fifteen, he served as a mechanic on Salt Walther's Indy Car Team. He went on to Gary Bettenhausen's Indy team and then, in 1974, Louie's father started a midget racing team with Louie as the driver. Louie continued racing until 1980, when his wife and co-owner of J&L, Jeanette, became pregnant. Looking for a more stable lifestyle, J&L Fabricating was born.

In July of 1981 construction started on the building that would house J&L Fabricating. The business started with Louie as the only employee. With the help of a paraplegic athlete, Louie designed and started building special racing wheelchairs. One of these designs, the Shadow, is still in production today.

In 1983, J&L hired their first non-owner employee. They continued to manufacture wheelchairs and do general fabrication work. This included store displays for Nordstrom's. They also worked on a lot of open wheel racecars.

In 1986, Tom Armstrong became J&L Fabricating's first vintage racing customer. Their first project for Tom was to rebuild a chassis for his 1969 Lola T162 Can-Am car. From that initial vintage racing job, much more work continued to flow into the shop. They also built workstations for the Boeing Company.

In 1994, J&L began making stainless steel parts for a speed equipment retailer. The most popular item was a harness bar for street cars. They also have done a lot of roll cage installations.

J&L's workforce has grown to sixteen employees. In 2001, J&L moved to their present location which has over 18,000

square feet of space. That's a big shop. J&L's service offerings now include trackside support at vintage races along with transportation to and from the tracks. J&L has a 53-foot semi that can hold six racecars and a couple of smaller trailers. Each year, J&L travels to about twenty vintage races to support clients.

So what can you expect to see during our visit to J&L? A bunch of really cool old cars in various states of repair, that's what! Generally there are between twenty-five and thirty-five cars being worked on at any one time. Expect to see some Formula 1 cars, Can-Am monsters, one or two Porsche 935s, Sports Racers and some lower Formula cars.

There is no need to RSVP for this event; just show up. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Cameras are allowed and encouraged. However,

there may be some cars which may not be photographed. Please honor the request of these owners and J&L. We'll have a presentation by one of the J&L employees and then you're welcome to wander and look at the cars in the shop. We'll start at 10 a.m. and be done at noon.

David Lightfoot, d.lightfoot@comcast.net

Driving Directions to J&L Fabricating 111A 23rd Street SE, Puyallup

- Take WA Highway 167 southbound.
- Exit onto WA 410 east toward Yakima/Sumner.
- Go .8 mile and take the Traffic Ave/E Main exit.
- Turn right on E Main (signs for E Main/Puyallup).
- Go .9 mile and turn left at 23rd St SE. The shop is on the left almost immediately after the turn.

(If using a nav system, make sure you have the address right or you'll end up on Puyallup's south hill. Make sure it is 111A 23rd Street (not Avenue) Southeast.



M-Car Day: 134

A GREAT TURNOUT of 134 M-Cars for our third annual M-Car Day. Held again in Fife at Griot's Garage, the event stayed dry all day like we expect in late August. M-Car day has been a great way to close out the summer car show season. After lunch we were able to get everyone inside the Car Care Center for featured car presentations and a bevy of raffle prizes!

Special thanks to Griot's Garage and Haury's Lake City Collision for co-hosting the event and making it a very special day for M-Car owners. The BMW Club also provided raffle prizes along with Griot's Garage and Haury's. Top prize was winning a day in the 2008 M3 Ultimate Loaner Car. Jeff Butler of Haury's also made the "Ultimate Loaner Car" available for drives all afternoon by those in attendance.

Highest mileage was a 1988 M5 with over 270k miles! Furthest traveled was a toss up between two owners from deep south in Oregon!

The E36 M3 took highest total in the parking lot with 27 Ms in attendance. All M-Cars were represented this year with a white M1 in attendance for the first year. It's fun to see the new M's come on line from one year to the next. For example, last year we had 4 E90 M3s, this year we had 15 lined up and someone commented that there must have a million dollars in E90 M3s lined up. They sure looked like a million bucks!

Lance Richert, '88 M3



Photo by Karl Agee.

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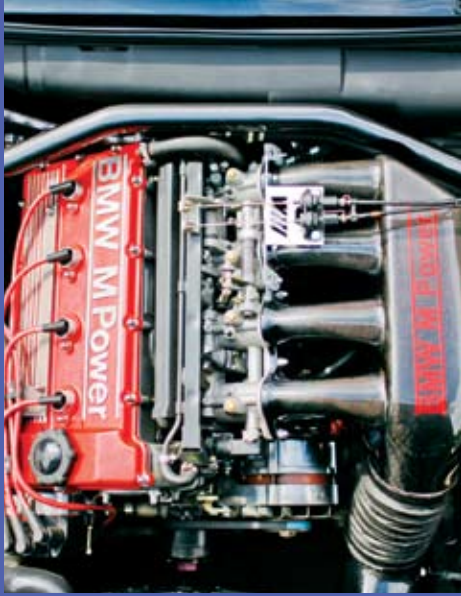


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Third Annual M-Car Day



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Banquet Logistics

Date and Time

The banquet will be held on February 6, 2010, Saturday night. The schedule is:

SCHEDULE

5:15 Doors Open for
Registration/Mingling
5:30 Silent Auction Begins
6:15 First Auction Closing
6:30 Final Auction Closing
6:45 Dinner
7:45 Announcements
8:00 Auction
9:00 Program
9:30 We're Done

Place

The banquet will be held at the Bellevue Downtown Courtyard by Marriott 11010 NE 8th Street, Bellevue. The location is just off I-405 in downtown Bellevue. Off I-405 take NE 8th Street (West) exit toward Bellevue Square. Stay to the right

and Turn right onto 110th Ave NE. The hotel is on the corner of NE 8th and 110th Ave NE. There is ample free, covered parking in the Bellevue DT Courtyard Marriott building. The banquet is in the Ballroom on the main floor. We are the exclusive event at the hotel that night.

Dinners & Souvenir

Yes, we'll have another commemorative glass. The dinner choices include grilled salmon with lemon caper sauce, flat-iron steak with Maytag blue fonduta and for the vegetarian option it is the eggplant parmesan on a bed of wilted greens. All the meals include a mixed greens salad with green apples, feta and toasted walnuts. Along with each entrée is a vegetable and potato/rice, dinner rolls

with butter, dessert, and coffee service. Alcoholic beverages, including wine, are available at the no-host bar.

Registration

To register for this event, go to the Club website <http://www.bmwpugetsound.com> and you will be directed to Motorsports Reg.com to register. If you prefer sending in a check, please see the Club website for a downloadable form.

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Other Clubs and SIG

We're extending a special invitation to the members of the BMW Clubs in Portland, Spokane and Vancouver, B.C., as well as the Porsche club. We encourage the various Clubs and Special Interest Groups to attend. Get together a group of ten and you will have a whole table for the evening. Please designate a person to save the table for you, as this year we're making it first come first serve for the best seats in the house.

Banquet Auction Beneficiary

This year's beneficiary is Rise n' Shine and more information about their organization can be found on their website: www.risenshine.org. All proceeds from the silent and live auction will go to the Club's donation to Rise n' Shine. We encourage you to think about car and non-car related items to make the appeal broadly focused. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.



Donations and an Opportunity for an Advertising Plug

If you have items to donate, contact Jennifer Venter at jennifer@venter.us or via phone at 917-689-9617. If you donate an item before November 23, 2009 you will be listed as a donor in the January issue of *Zündfolge*.

Raffle Auction

This year we've gone back to the traditional format of the silent auction, so the only way to get in on the action for the first table is to be there before it closes. Depending on the amount of items we'll have two to three tables. The action for the live auction will keep the room lively. The check-out process for the winners will be opened approximately twenty minutes post the live auction. Keep in mind those checking out during this time will miss the speaker.

Volunteer Opportunity

Do you want to help with this event? Give me a call and we'll find a job that will interest you. Contact de-Anna Martin at 206-274-5274 or deMartin@pc-resource.com.

A Final Word

Come prepared to hover over those tables while you mingle with your friends and gear up for that always popular live auction. Register now and set the date aside. We're going to have a great time.

The final deadline for all registrations is receipt by January 30, 2010. We cannot accommodate walk-ins or registration during the last week before the event. If you have questions, please contact de-Anna Martin at deMartin@pc-resource.com or 206-274-5274.

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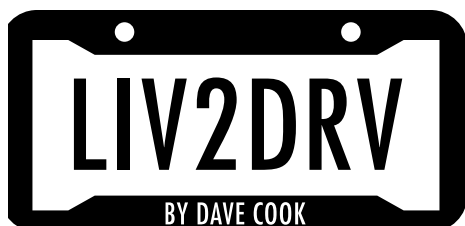
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To All the Cars I've Loved Before.

When I spotted a one-owner 88,000-mile E36 on AutoTrader.com, I just had to call. It was four years ago and my daily driver then was an '87 535is with over 200,000 miles.

I loved that sweet ride, but like many car guys, I enjoy the hunt. I frequently peruse the classified ads in the local newspaper, the back pages of *Roundel* and *Zündfolge*, as well as AutoTrader.com and craigslist. Having driven a few E36s and really liking the solid feel and crisp handling, I called the seller, who said all the right things. I liked the fact that it had been dealer serviced and came with all the records. I drove the dark blue '94 325i, had it inspected, made an offer and purchased it from the original owner.

My 535is had a short shifter, K&N

cone air filter and oversized wheels. After I added a stainless steel exhaust, I quickly decided that those items are essential for any future BMW. My E12 and E30 were pretty much stock, but I did install aftermarket wheels, and a special exhaust and a K&N filter on my E34 because the sound of the E28 on the other side of the garage was so nice.

So, as you might guess, my E36 soon had a stainless steel exhaust (Magna-flow with dual three-inch output that was only about \$600 installed), a short throw shift kit (factory Z3 shifter) and a K&N cold air kit (about \$250 from Bavarian Auto and very easy to install). The car came with a set of 17" Mille Miglia wheels (similar to the ones on my old 535is) that showed quite a bit of curb contact, so I ordered a new set through Les Schwab (around \$700) and had them install a set of Toyo Proxes 4s (235/45). The old wheels were kept to mount new studless snow tires (I live on a pretty steep hill, and like being able to drive over to central Oregon without having to worry about snowfall). I also put a six-disc CD changer in the trunk.

David from 2002 Restorations installed ceramic brake pads and Bilstein shocks.

Would I recommend the same modifications? You bet. I can fathom the benefits of less noise, but the sound is so therapeutic. I often turn off the tunes, roll down the windows and punch it just to listen to the music of the air being sucked through the intake and the exhaust coming out the other end. I'm an environmentalist and use my bicycle for my 16-mile round trip commute probably 80% of the time, all year round, so I don't feel too guilty about making a little extra noise and using a little more fuel for the times I do drive. Besides that, loud pipes save lives. When riding your bicycle on a curvy forest road on the outskirts of town, would you rather be approached by a hot-rod BMW or a whispering Prius?

If I had an unlimited source of funds, rather than buying a super car (Saleen, Bugatti, Bentley, etc.), I would build a ten-car garage under my house. In that garage would be a JCW Mini Clubman, a Z3 3.0 coupe and an E46 M3 for daily drivers. Their stable mates would

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include an old Mini, a bug eye Sprite, a split window VW Bus (I already have a bay window camper), an oval-window VW bug (with ragtop sunroof), a Willys high-hood CJ, an SS 396 Chevelle and

an early-fifties Chevy pickup. Because some of these cars are pretty small, I'd have room for an early BMW motorcycle (R60?), a late model Beemer, a Triumph Bonneville 650 and a BSA Vic-

tor 441. If there were still room, it would be cool to also have an Isetta.

Dave, you probably already figured this out, but you are the guy who bought my old 535is. I'm assuming that you call it Red Rex because of its color, and the name of the person who sold it to you.

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August Friday Niter Rally

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The rally started at the Eastgate Park-n-Ride in Bellevue. The course traversed south to Maple Valley (Checkpoint 1); Ravensdale (Checkpoint 2); Black Diamond and then North to Ravensdale (Checkpoint 3); and the last leg toured over the twisty back roads of Tiger and Cougar Mountains (local version of the alps) to Issaquah.

In a Time-Speed-Distance rally (TSD) the objective of the contestants is to arrive at each checkpoint as close as possible to the official leg times, without being early or late. Contestants earn one penalty point for each second that they are early or late,

with the lowest score determining the winner.

Returning 2008 Class Champions from last year's rally, Lucetta Lightfoot and Duane Montagne came out to defend their BMW Class championship. However, Lucetta and Duane missed a sign which resulted in a maximum score on the last leg, and a second place finish. Dave Bunge and Tania Means were the BMW Class Champions for 2009. Dave and Tania came prepared to compete. And, I suspect that at least Tania had participated in a TSD Rally before as she inquired where the official clock was located so she could synchronize her watch for the evening! Congratulations Dave and Tania.

I hope everyone had a good time and we'll try this again next year.

*John Humphrey, Rallymaster
NWRC President*

BMW Club Rally Participants

Driver/Navigator	Car	Score
Dave Bunge/Tania Means	97 M3	321
Lucetta Lightfoot/Duane Montagne	88 M5	403
Dave Jensen/Dawn Radloff	07 328xi	783
Joe Daniels/Sean Fields	97 328i	1200
Kevin Donovan/Debbie Donovan	08 M3	DNF



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The PRO3 Line

AS OF THIS WRITING, we are officially into the second half of the 2009 racing season, having completed Race #8 at Portland International Raceway and about to leave for beautiful Mission, BC Labor Day weekend for races #9 and #10! The Seattle race, held August 2 at Pacific Raceways, was another well-attended event for all classes including PRO3, in spite of the fact that this was also Seafair weekend. A special thanks goes out to Car Tender in Seattle for their continued support of this particular race weekend. The "Car Tender Challenge" has become an annual event and we appreciate it.

West Werks Automotive in Redmond has sponsored the "West Werks Challenge" again this year, whereby the PRO3 driver who accumu-

lates the most points at the three Seattle races will win cold-hard cash (and a big, fancy novelty check to boot!) August was the second of the three races and coming out of that event, the top three points earners thus far include: Caelin Gabriel (49pts); Scott Hieronymus (41pts); and Michael Olsen (38pts). With one race yet to go at Pacific Raceways (September 27), it will be exciting to see if there is much change in this order.

The Car Tender Challenge proved to be a real crowd pleaser with some great driving being demonstrated throughout the twenty-six-car PRO3 grid. A split start added to the intrigue by allowing the PRO3 cars a few laps to duke it out wheel-to-wheel before overtaking the slower cars of Group 1

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(and being overtaken by the faster cars as well!) The entire Group 1 grid was enormous with fifty-four cars taking the green flag. That is a huge amount of racing iron squished into the tight 1.9 miles of racing surface. Even with that many cars vying for the same patch of asphalt, there were very few yellow flags and no full-course-yellows requiring the release of the pace car. It was thirty solid minutes of pure racing action! Kevin Doyle in the #104 grabbed the Pole Position with authority and

converted that position to a win; nice driving Kevin! The top five rounded out to Caelin Gabriel in P2, Michael Olsen P3, Michael Schulman P4, and visiting PRO3 driver, Jack Healy from Langley, BC in P5 (Healy drove the #704 Jagermeister car owned by Bill Spornitz).

ICSCC race #8 was held just two weeks after the Car Tender Challenge, and although the PRO3 grid was lighter than usual with twelve cars, the racing was no less intense! Jeff VanLierop made the event all the more



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So you start to see that, although the points battle is interesting to watch and tally, there are still four very important races left to go that any one of which could decide the fate of this season's points champion.

exciting to watch from both a spectator standpoint as well as a racer view by starting at the back of the grid and proceeding to work his way to the front of the PRO3 class. VanLierop demonstrated once again exactly why he is the two-time PRO3 Champion by skillfully driving from the #26 spot to finish in P8 overall and P1 in PRO3. There's more speed to be had in these cars gentlemen!

Don't believe me? Just watch Jeff's video. The rest of the top five were: Caelin Gabriel P2; Michael Olsen P3; Michael Schulman P4; and Hank Moore in P5. Again, it was another race of very few yellow flags and no pace car.

As far as points go, overall, Michael Olsen leads the PRO3 contingent with 171 gross points; Caelin Gabriel with 161 gross points, and Michael Schulman with 115

gross points. Why "gross" points? ICSCC only counts the best of ten total races. There are twelve races on the calendar this season, so that means if a racer were to attend all twelve, he would need to drop the two lowest-scoring events (per ICSCC rule 503A). ICSCC also states that a maximum of three races from any one particular sponsoring club may be counted. There are four races sponsored by Cascade Sports Car Club (Portland) so if a racer were to attend all four of those races, then he must drop the lowest of those four. So you start to see that, although the points battle is interesting to watch and tally, there are still four very important races left

to go that any one of which could decide the fate of this season's points champion.

Watch this space for more updates as the season draws to a close. No matter what happens, the top five positions will be hotly contested!

I'll see you at the finish line.

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